



## HEAVY MEDDLE



12 Russians accused of hacking Democrats in 2016 U.S. election

Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein speaks during a news conference at the Department of Justice, Friday, July 13, 2018, in Washington.

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## Agency watchdog slams ex-HHS chief Price on costly travel

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The government wasted at least \$341,000 on travel by ousted Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price, including booking charter flights without considering cheaper scheduled airlines, an agency watchdog said Friday.

The HHS inspector general's long-awaited report chastised the department for flouting federal travel rules, which require officials to book trips in the most cost-efficient way for taxpayers. The inspector general estimated that the government spent nearly \$1.2 million on Price's travel during his seven months in office. That included more than \$700,000 in military flights on two foreign and two domestic trips, as well as more than \$480,000 for various domestic trips by private chartered aircraft.

HHS "improperly used federal funds related to Sec. Price's government travel," the report said.

Of 21 trips reviewed by the inspector general's investigators, only one complied with all federal travel requirements. The report said none of the charter flights complied.

Price, who built a reputation as a budget hawk during earlier congressional service, has apologized and repaid the government nearly \$60,000.

The report said authorities should seek full recovery of the \$341,000 deemed wasteful spending.

Price spokesman Nicholas Peters said in a statement, "there is no indication in



In this June 15, 2017, file photo, Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington.

the (inspector general's) report that the paperwork and regulatory issues of department staff were anything other than good faith mistakes."

Peters would not comment on any additional repayments by Price. He said investigators did not attempt to interview Price.

In its formal response to the report, HHS agreed with most of the inspector general's recommendations for tightening up official travel and requested detail on the \$341,000 that investigators said the government should recoup.

The inspector general said HHS should determine how best to recover the money. On Friday, HHS Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan said in a separate statement that

the department has since instituted new travel procedures for all political appointees, calling them "the most rigorous controls on travel in the organization's history." Such travel is now reviewed by the ethics office.

But Hargan also seemed to quibble, saying "the work of an audit is to review compliance with procedures, not make legal conclusions. As a matter of law, none of the travel at issue was unauthorized."

The inspector general's report raised questions about how Price's travel was authorized. For example, investigators found that on five of 12 charter flights, legal approval came only during or after the trip.

Extravagant spending on

travel and office remodeling by top officials became a running story as the Trump administration took power in Washington on a presidential promise to "drain the swamp."

The latest Cabinet casualty was Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt, who resigned this month amid ethics investigations.

Price was forced out in the fall of 2017 after his travel drew the ire of President Donald Trump, who was also upset over the GOP failure to repeal "Obamacare."

A successful orthopedic surgeon before winning a congressional seat from the Atlanta suburbs, Price rose to become one of the top GOP experts on bud-

get and health care issues.

But as secretary of HHS, he never produced a health care plan to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act.

Among other findings from the report: — Investigators questioned Price's assertion that his official schedule prevented him from flying commercial. In one case a White House event cited as justification was canceled, and Price's office chose to continue with a charter flight at a cost of nearly \$18,000. — Even among charter flight options, Price's office did not always book the lowest-cost trip. In one case the difference between quoted options amounted to nearly \$46,000.

— For six trips, Price either started or ended his travel in his home state of Georgia, his most frequent charter travel destination outside of his official duty station in Washington, D.C.

— HHS paid more than \$11,500 on commercial flights for a Price trip to China, Vietnam and Japan. But Price ultimately flew on military transport at a cost of more than \$430,000. HHS lost track of what it spent for the commercial airline ticket until the inspector general's investigators identified the expense. The government ultimately got a refund for the commercial ticket.

HHS said current Secretary Alex Azar flies commercial on official business, with a few exceptions that have involved requests from the White House. Azar pays for his personal travel back home to Indiana on weekends. □

## Report: TSA missed inspections of Cuba-U.S. carriers

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Congressional investigators say TSA failed to perform many inspections of carriers operating flights from Cuba to the U.S. between 2012 and 2016.

The Government Accountability Office said in a new report that the Transporta-

tion Security Administration only performed about half the required inspections on five carriers that investigators studied.

The GAO said that in many cases TSA couldn't reliably track U.S.-bound charter operations. TSA said it is working to improve track-

ing. A TSA spokesman said Friday that "external factors" hindered the agency's ability to perform inspections as often as expected — generally every six to 12 months. The agency told GAO that the Cuban government sometimes asked to reschedule inspections.

The spokesman said TSA followed guidelines to follow up when inspections turned up shortcomings, a point on which the GAO agreed. Republicans on the House Homeland Security Committee requested the GAO study.

Commercial flights be-

tween the U.S. and Cuba increased after the Obama administration eased restrictions on visiting the island nation in 2016. The Trump administration tightened the rules last year to discourage tourist visits to Cuba, but several U.S. airlines still fly there. □

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## Moscow now accused of U.S. election meddling, in indictment

By ERIC TUCKER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Twelve Russian military intelligence officers hacked into the Clinton presidential campaign and Democratic Party, releasing tens of thousands of stolen and politically damaging communications, in a sweeping conspiracy by the Kremlin to meddle in the 2016 U.S. election, according to a grand jury indictment announced days before President Donald Trump's summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The indictment stands as special counsel Robert Mueller's first allegation implicating the Russian government directly in criminal behavior meant to sway the presidential election.

U.S. intelligence agencies have said the meddling was aimed at helping the Trump campaign and harming the election bid of his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton. The effort also included bogus Facebook ads and social media postings that prosecutors say were aimed at influencing public opinion and sowing discord on hot-button social issues.

The indictment lays out a broad, coordinated effort starting in March 2016 to break into key Democratic email accounts, such as those belonging to the Democratic National Committee, the Clinton campaign and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Among those targeted was John Podesta, the Clinton campaign chairman.

The Kremlin denied anew that it tried to sway the election. "The Russian state has never interfered and has no intention of interfering in the U.S. elections," Putin's foreign affairs adviser,



Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein speaks during a news conference at the Department of Justice, Friday, July 13, 2018, in Washington.

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Yuri Ushakov, said Friday. But the indictment identifies the defendants as officers with Russia's Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff, also known as GRU.

It accuses them of covertly monitoring the computers of dozens of Democratic officials and volunteers, implanting malicious computer code known as malware and using phishing emails to gain control of the accounts of people associated with the Clinton campaign.

By June 2016, the defendants began planning the release of tens of thousands of stolen emails and documents, the indictment alleges. The messages were released through fictitious personas like DCLeaks and Guccifer 2.0.

The charges come as Mueller continues to investigate potential coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign to influence the

presidential election. The indictment does not allege that Trump campaign associates were involved in the hacking efforts or that any American was knowingly in contact with Russian intelligence officers.

The indictment also does not allege that any vote tallies were altered by hacking.

Still, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein said the internet "allows foreign adversaries to attack Americans in new and unexpected ways. Free and fair elections are hard-fought and contentious and there will always be adversaries who work to exacerbate domestic differences and try to confuse, divide and conquer us."

A White House statement offered no condemnation of the alleged Russian conspiracy. Instead it focused on the fact that no Trump campaign officials or Americans were impli-

cated in the new indictment. Trump's lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, said on Twitter that it was time to end the Mueller investigation since "no Americans are involved."

But with Mueller still investigating, it's not known whether further indictments are taking shape or will.

Before Friday, 20 people and three companies had been charged in the Mueller investigation. The 20 are four former Trump campaign and White House aides, three of whom have pleaded guilty to different crimes and agreed to cooperate, and 13 Russians accused of participating in a hidden but powerful social media campaign to sway U.S. public opinion in the 2016 election.

If the involvement of the GRU officers in the hacking effort is proved, it would shatter the Kremlin denials of the Russian state's involvement in the U.S. elections.

The GRU, which answers to the Russian military's General Staff, is part of the state machine and its involvement would indicate that the orders to interfere in the U.S. election came from the very top.

One attempt at interference noted in the indictment came hours after Trump, in a July 27, 2016, speech, suggested Russians look for emails that Clinton said she had deleted from her tenure as secretary of state.

"Russia, if you're listening," Trump said, "I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing."

That evening, the indictment says, the Russians attempted to break into email accounts used by Clinton's personal office, along with 76 Clinton campaign email addresses.

Hours before the Justice Department announcement, Trump complained anew that the special counsel's investigation is complicating his efforts to forge a better working relationship with Russia. Trump and Putin are scheduled to hold talks Monday in Finland, a meeting largely sought by Trump.

After the indictments were announced, top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer called on Trump to cancel his meeting with Putin until Russia takes steps to prove it won't interfere in future elections. He said the indictments are "further proof of what everyone but the president seems to understand: President Putin is an adversary who interfered in our elections to help President Trump win."

Trump complained about "stupidity" when asked about Mueller's probe earlier Friday, at a news conference in Britain with Prime Minister Theresa May. □

## Acrimony, insults and a Congress endlessly split over Trump

By LISA MASCARO  
AP Congressional Correspondent

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The long-awaited questioning of the FBI agent at the heart of the 2016 election probe was always expected to be one for the history books. But Congress outdid itself.

After 10 hours of finger-pointing, F-bomb reading and in-your-face testimony between special agent Peter Strzok and a joint panel of 70 lawmakers, the partisan divide over the investigation of Russian interference in the election of President Donald Trump remains precipitously deep, with no political bridge in sight.

On the one side are Democrats who heard in Strzok's testimony an unflinching, if flawed, G-man trying to stop Russian interference in American democracy. On the other are Republicans who see anti-Trump text messages Strzok sent to his lover as evidence of alarming bias at the highest levels of government.

The aftermath produced one certainty: Congress is hopelessly split in conducting executive branch oversight of the Trump administration. Lawmakers reflect their constituents, and after running on partisan overdrive for years, they staked out defiantly opposing sides. The level of acrimony poses a real-life stress test



**FBI Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok prepares to testify before the House Committees on the Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform during a hearing on "Oversight of FBI and DOJ Actions Surrounding the 2016 Election," on Capitol Hill, Thursday, July 12, 2018, in Washington.**

Associated Press

for the ability of Congress to function.

"Politicians love to grandstand and that was a perfect venue for all of them to do so," said Rep. Tom Rooney, R-Fla., who said the proceedings reminded him of the Bill Clinton impeachment sessions he watched as a young man two decades ago. In fact, some of the same veteran lawmakers were still there playing starring roles, he said. "And I would contend that Mr. Strzok was doing it a little, too."

In his opening remarks, Strzok, a career FBI agent, set the stage for what was about to unfold.

"I understand we're living in a political era in which insults and insinuation often drown out honesty and integrity," he began. "But the honest truth is that Russian interference in our elections constitutes a grave attack on our democracy. Most disturbingly, it has been wildly successful, sowing discord in our nation and shaking faith in our intuitions."

But that was a topic for another day. The joint hearing of the Judiciary and Oversight panels quickly morphed into a spectacle that lawmakers compared to earlier showdowns — the Joe McCarthy hearings

aimed at rooting out communists, the probe of Hillary Clinton's role after the attack on Benghazi, Libya.

From the start, Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., the Judiciary chairman, struggled to maintain control.

After the top Democrat on the Oversight panel, Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, erected large posters of the individuals indicted so far in the government's Russia probe, Goodlatte ordered them taken down, calling them "inappropriate."

"Is there a rule for that, Mr. Chairman?" Cummings retorted. "Cite the rule!" came voices from the pan-

el.

Those spats paled in compared to what came next. Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., a bulldog investigator during Barack Obama's administration, asked Strzok to read aloud his disparaging text messages about Trump to FBI attorney Lisa Page, with whom he was having an affair.

"OMG, he's an idiot," Strzok read one. Then another, "What the F happened to our country, Lis?"

Issa: "OK, read it again that way."

Strzok: "Was it not intelligible?"

Issa: "I just want to hear it one more time."

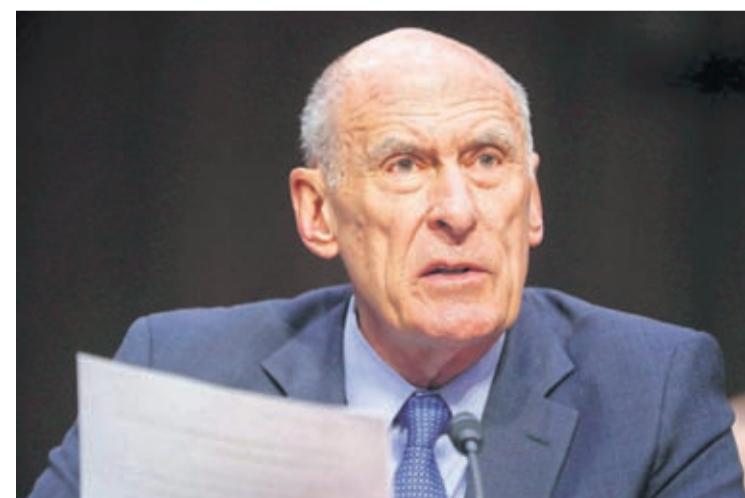
Strzok: "OK, sir, happy to indulge you. ... 'What the F happened to our country, Lis'?"

In another exchange, Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, asked the FBI agent if he used the same "smirk" and lied to his wife about the affair. Democrats howled in protest, one questioning if Gohmert needed to take his medication.

During a break, Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga., who grilled Strzok on his security clearance, acknowledged there were "probably some comments that were over the top, sure, on both sides."

But Collins said Americans can see through the theatrics. "They do understand this investigation needs to happen." □

## Intel official: Cyber threat warnings 'blinking red'



**In this March 6, 2018, file photo, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington.**

Associated Press

By DEB RIECHMANN  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Warning lights about cyber threats to U.S. national security are "blinking red" and the digital attempts to undermine America are occurring daily, not just at election time, the nation's top intelligence official said Friday.

Russia has been the most aggressive foreign actor, but cyber threats also are coming from China, Iran and North Korea as well as criminal networks and individual hackers, said Na-

tional Intelligence Director Dan Coats.

"The Department of Homeland Security and the FBI, in coordination with international partners, have detected Russian government actors targeting government and businesses in the energy, nuclear, water, aviation and critical manufacturing sectors," Coats said.

He compared the cyber threat today with how U.S. officials said before 9/11 that intelligence channels were "blinking red" with warning signs that a terror

attack was imminent.

"Here we are nearly two decades later and I'm here to say the warning lights are blinking red again," Coats said.

Coats spoke at Hudson Institute, a Washington think tank, shortly after the Justice Department indicted 12 Russian intelligence officers accused of hacking into Democratic email accounts during the 2016 U.S. presidential election and releasing stolen information in the months before Americans headed to the polls. □



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## Woman harassed for wearing Puerto Rican shirt speaks out

By DON BABWIN

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) —

A woman shown on a video being confronted by a man because she was wearing a t-shirt emblazoned with the Puerto Rican flag said Friday that the only action a park officer took to defuse the situation was to tell her cousin who'd stepped in to protect her to calm down.

Speaking at a news conference surrounded by leaders of Chicago's Puerto Rican community, Mia Irizarry recounted the June 14 incident that received national attention after release of the video.

Hate crime charges have been filed against 62-year-old Timothy Trybus, and Chicago forest preserve officer Patrick Connor has resigned.

"It was extremely surreal to think that someone whose job is to protect and serve could just completely walk away..." she said at a park in a Chicago neighborhood with a large Puerto Rican population, in her first public comments about the incident. "If I hadn't recorded it I am pretty sure (the incident) would not have ended with my safety."

Irizarry, who was in the Chicago's Caldwell Woods Forest Preserve when she was confronted by Trybus, recounted the feeling of helplessness she felt after Trybus asked if the flag on the shirt was that of Texas and responded that it was the flag of Puerto Rico. Trybus scolded her, saying: "You should not be wearing that in the United States of America," and questioned her about whether she was an American citizen.

Connor appeared to stand quietly several feet away. She said that "just encouraged (Trybus) to be more aggressive. So I was scared."

Puerto Rican citizens automatically have U.S. citizenship.

She said she remains "severely disappointed" that Connor quit without publicly explaining his decision not to come to her aid.

"I will never get to hear from this man, this protector, his reasoning for why my safety, no, my life, had such little value to him," she said, adding that she grateful that he no longer has a job where he might treat other like her.

A Chicago alderman and a state senator of Puerto Rican descent said the fallout from the incident is not over.

State Senator Omar Aquino urged Irizarry to sue the officer, reminding her that he pushed through legislation that allows her to "sue someone for a hate crime." Alderman Roberto Maldonado, wearing a t-shirt with a flag of Puerto Rico on it, urged Chicago residents to wear similar shirts on July 20 to protest her treatment.

Trybus appeared in court Friday on charges of a hate crime, assault and disorderly conduct.

His attorney, David Goldman, characterized his client's behavior toward Irizarry as "obnoxious," but attributed it to a combination of alcohol and pain pills after having six teeth removed the day before.

The Cook County State's Attorney's office said that Judge Earl Hoffenberg ordered Trybus released on his promise to appear in court.

He also ordered him placed on electronic home monitoring, to undergo alcohol assessment, and prohibited him from having any contact with Irizarry or any witnesses in the case or set foot on forest preserve property. He is scheduled to return to court Aug. 1. □



Mia Irizarry speaks at a news conference in Chicago, Friday, July 13, 2018, about an incident where a man confronted her about a T-shirt she wore emblazoned with the Puerto Rican flag at a Chicago forest preserve on June 14.

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## Conservative states balk at voter-approved medical marijuana

By SEAN MURPHY and ANDREW DEMILLO

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Pot advocates celebrated the culmination of a yearlong effort to ease restrictions on the use of cannabis last month when nearly 60 percent of Oklahoma voters approved medical marijuana.

Oklahoma's proponents had even included a two-month deadline for the implementation in their measure so as to avoid the years of delays they had seen elsewhere.

But that has not stopped state health officials and the Republican governor from making drastic changes. Within weeks of the election, they signed off on tough new restrictions, including a ban on the sale of smokable pot. The change was supported by groups representing doctors, hospitals and pharmacists who opposed medical marijuana, but infuriated supporters of the state question and has already led to lawsuits.

"It's like they snatched defeat out of the jaws of victory," said Chip Paul, who helped write Oklahoma's medical marijuana state question and push for its approval. "You try to do something the proper way.



In this Tuesday, July 10, 2018 photo, Chip Paul, who helped write the medical marijuana state question and push for its passage, answers a question for a reporter before a meeting of the Oklahoma Board of Health in Oklahoma City.

You follow the rules. And then you win and you get screwed."

Even in conservative states such as Oklahoma, which became the 30th in the U.S. to legalize medical marijuana, attitudes are shifting in favor of easing restrictions on pot. But there remains resistance from policymakers, especially in Republican-controlled areas, where the rollout of medical marijuana has frequently been restricted by lawmakers or bogged down in court battles.

After more than 70 percent of Florida voters approved medical marijuana in 2016, the Republican-controlled Legislature there imposed a similar ban on smokable pot. A judge last month ruled that such a ban was unconstitutional.

In Arkansas, 53 percent of voters approved medical marijuana in 2016, but a legal challenge has delayed the program. Michigan voters approved medical marijuana in 2008, only to be followed by years of court fights.

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In Texas, the GOP-led Legislature approved a restrictive medical marijuana law in 2015, then proceeded to institute strict regulations. It allowed only three dispensaries in a state of 27 million people and imposed the highest licensing fees in the country. Marijuana advocates say the restrictions on how medical marijuana can be used or the additional burdens placed on doctors may wind up undermining the initiatives and laws. "The extent of limitations really serves to

deprive people of the key goal, which is letting people use medical marijuana without being punished," said Karen O'Keefe, director of state policies for the Marijuana Policy Project.

Efforts to heavily restrict medical marijuana in Arkansas — including an outright ban on smoking it and an attempt to delay the program's launch until marijuana was legalized nationwide — failed in the majority-Republican Legislature last year. But the program's launch has stalled and medical marijuana likely won't be available until sometime next year.

The problem stems from legal challenges over the state's licensing process for medical marijuana. The state Supreme Court last month cleared the way for the program to begin, reversing a lower judge's ruling that the licensing process was flawed and violated the constitutional amendment legalizing medical marijuana. An unsuccessful applicant had sued over the process.

More than 5,500 patients have been approved to use medical marijuana in the state, and Arkansas will issue them registry cards about a month before the drug is expected to be legally available. □

## 8 MS-13 gang members in U.S. illegally indicted in Texas

By RYAN TARINELLI  
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Federal authorities have indicted eight MS-13 gang members in the U.S. illegally who used machetes and other weapons to carry out a string of violent attacks against rival gang members in North Texas last year.

U.S. Attorney Erin Nealy Cox said Friday that the street gang is one of the largest in the U.S. and described their tactics as cold, calculating and ruthless. A major rule of the gang is that members must attack and kill rivals, she said.

"Their trademark is violence," Cox said at a Friday news conference in Dallas. "They are required to commit acts of violence in order to be involved with the gang and to participate as gang members."

Seven people were in custody Friday morning. Cox reported Friday morning that an eighth person, who was not identified, is at large. The 18-count indictment includes attempted murder in aid of racketeering and assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering.

Katherine Greer, a deputy

special agent in charge of Homeland Security Investigations, said the gang members are in the U.S. illegally, mostly from El Salvador.

President Donald Trump has singled out the gang as a threat to the United States, prompting criticism when he called its members "animals."

MS-13 gang members committed at least six attacks in Dallas and nearby Irving last year, according to a press release from the Department of Justice. It said a sledgehammer was used in one attack, while a



U.S. Attorney Erin Nealy Cox, center, holds a news conference on Friday, July 13, 2018 in Dallas.

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metal bat was involved in another. Rival gang members were victims of the attacks by MS-13 gang members, according to the statement.

The gang was founded in

the U.S. in the 1980s by Salvadoran immigrants and has sunk roots in the country.

Some of its members are U.S. citizens and not subject to deportation. □

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## Benches, trees, caves provide respite in Arizona flood

By FELICIA FONSECA and ALINA HARTOUNIAN

Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) —

Benji Xie stood beside a trail in an Arizona canyon, his camera fixed on a waterfall cascading into a blue-green pool where people swam beneath a double rainbow.

A few hours later, the weather took a drastic turn. Wind started blowing through the trees and sent dirt swirling deep in the gorge off the Grand Canyon. Rain came down in sheets.

Soon, the popular camp-ground on the Havasupai reservation was inundated with water rising high above the shallow creek that runs through it.

Water sloshed up around tents, burying some in dirt. Tourists scrambled to benches, trees and caves as they sought higher ground. Some were stranded on newly formed islands, Xie said.

The waterfall that Xie photographed earlier looked much different.

"Everything is brown and muddy now," Xie, a 25-year-old Seattle resident, said Thursday while awaiting his turn to be flown out.

The heavy flooding in two separate events Wednes-

day evening and before dawn Thursday forced the evacuation of about 200 tourists. Some had only their swim suits on and had to abandon their camping gear.

All the tourists were accounted for and no one was seriously injured, tribal spokeswoman Abbie Fink said.

The tribe used ATVs, rope and manpower to get the tourists from the camp-ground below the village of Supai to a school, where they spent the night and were given food and supplies.

A helicopter flew out about five tourists at a time.

Supai Village saw minor flooding in and around tribal buildings.

Crews will start assessing the damage Friday to determine when it's safe for tourists to return, Fink said. The canyon and the road leading to a parking lot above it will be closed to visitors for at least a week, she said.

During monsoon season, rain can fall heavy and fast. Flood waters often rush unexpectedly through normally dry canyons and washes, sometimes with tragic consequences.

Ten members of an Arizona family were killed last July when a torrent of rain water



This Thursday, July 12, 2018 photo released by Benji Xie shows flooding from a waterfall on the Havasupai reservation in Supai, Ariz.

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rushed through a swimming hole in a canyon northeast of Phoenix. In another incident, seven people died at Utah's Zion National Park in September 2015 when they were trapped in a flash flood while hiking at a popular slot canyon.

The Havasupai reservation lies within a steep-walled canyon that's relatively flat at the bottom, said Brian Klimowski of the National Weather Service in Flagstaff.

"When the water rises, it can engulf a significant part of the canyon area, and that's what happened down in the campground," he said.

A tribal website alerts visitors to be aware of mon-

soon season and an expected uptick in rain this year.

The canyon is accessible only by foot, helicopter or mule ride, making it crucial to have as much of a heads-up as possible when floods are approaching so people can seek higher ground.

Klimowski said the agency contacted the tribe around 6:30 p.m. Wednesday with a flood advisory for the area. The first hard rain hit about 45 minutes later. A gauge downstream of the Colorado River, which flows through the Grand Canyon, showed an eight-foot rise in the water level.

The flooding was minor compared to previous

years. Still, it's a hit to tourism in a place that relies on visitors.

About 400 tribal members live in Supai. Many make a living by working in the area's lodge, cafe and small store, or packing camping gear onto the backs of mules headed up and down a winding trail.

Rather than panic, Xie said most of the campers were in a state of disbelief about what had happened. Still, he said he would not hesitate to return to the waterfalls.

"That was one of those places I would look on Google images while bored at work and say, 'How do I get here?'" Xie said. □

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# Demonstrators mock Donald Trump; protest his visit to the UK

By DANICA KIRKA

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**LONDON (AP)** — Thousands crammed the streets of central London on Friday to vent their anger over Donald Trump's first official visit to Britain, blowing horns, waving banners and hoisting a bright orange effigy of the U.S. president on their shoulders.

Filing past palaces of high-end commerce — Apple, Burberry, Brooks Brothers — marchers criticized Trump's policies on immigration, climate change and torture, as well as his treatment of women. Some carried more than one sign, unable to choose which policy they hated the most.

The Rev. Nigel Sinclair, a 53-year-old Church of England preacher, came in what he called his Sunday vicar's outfit, carrying a sign that showed how Trump's ideas differ from those of Jesus Christ. Susie Mazur, 29, from Salisbury in southwestern England, crocheted a Donald Trump pin-cushion and wore it on her head, winning praise from fellow protesters.

"People coming here nowadays feel very hopeless about what is happening. They don't like what is happening in the U.K., in America, across the world — there are so many problems," Mazur said. "Everyone has the same goal. What they want is to stop hate, basically."

As Trump met with Prime Minister Theresa May at her country retreat outside the city, the protesters gathered outside embassies, offices and homes carrying signs that read, "Human rights have no border," and "Mother Earth unites us," before marching past the shops of Regent's Street on their way to Piccadilly Circus and finally Trafalgar Square, which the city calls a "center of national democracy and protest."

Not everyone was protesting against Trump, however. Augustine Chukwuma Obodo, who wore a "Make America Great Again!" hat and a "Trump for President in 2020" shirt, said he want-



A six-meter high cartoon baby blimp of U.S. President Donald Trump is flown as a protest against his visit, England, Friday, July 13, 2018.

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ed to make clear that not everyone found the protests amusing. Obodo, a Nigerian living in London, said he wanted to add his voice to those who are quieter, but believe Trump is doing a good job on issues such as pushing NATO members to increase their defense spending.

"America is not a cash point," he said.

The day began with a giant balloon that caricatured Trump as a screaming orange baby flying outside the Houses of Parliament. The diaper-clad infant, with a quiff of hair and a mobile phone for tweeting, was the centerpiece of demonstrations.

"Depicting Trump as a baby is a great way of targeting his fragile ego, and mocking him is our main motivation," said Matthew Bonner, one of the organizers of the balloon flight. "He doesn't seem to be affected by the moral outrage that comes from his behavior and his policies. You can't reason with him, but you can ridicule him."

Hundreds crammed Parlia-

ment Square to take in the spectacle. Deborah Burns, 43, of Newcastle in northern England, brought along her 10-year old daughter, Monica Siddique.

"I think it's a good way to stop Trump from being mean to the rest of the world," Monica said of the balloon. "He says, 'Oh, this is a free world.' But then he goes and builds walls. ... He acts like a baby."

Some Americans living in London came to see the balloon, wearing the Stars and Stripes draped over their shoulders. Other spectators just came to take pictures as the balloon floated overhead for two hours.

"It's a very British way of protesting — we don't like to throw stones," said Phil Chapman, 59, of Hayfield, a village in Derbyshire. "It's far easier to protest in a pleasant way. If you can do that with humor, you will get more attention."

Trump criticized London Mayor Sadiq Khan, who refused to prevent the balloon from flying, in an interview published Friday.

"I think he has not been

hospitable to a government that is very important," Trump told Britain's Sun newspaper. "Now, he might not like the current president, but I represent the United States. I also represent a lot of people in Europe, because a lot of people from Europe are in the United States."

Khan, who has been a target of Trump's ire before, said his job was to make sure the protests were peaceful, not to be a censor or the "arbiter of good taste." "The idea that I would stop a blimp or a balloon flying over London because it may cause offense, and thereby curtail the rights people have to protest when it's not unsafe, it's not un-peaceful,

I think people would find a bit astonishing," Khan told the BBC. Anger over Trump's visit has been simmering ever since May invited the president for a state visit just a week after his inauguration last year.

The event, which would normally include glittering horse-drawn carriages and a state dinner hosted by the

monarch, morphed into a two-day "working visit" with much less pomp and circumstance amid concern about security and crowds in central London.

Trump avoided the protests by largely staying away from the capital. After a black-tie dinner 60 miles (100 kilometers) outside London, he spent Thursday night at the U.S. ambassador's residence in Regents Park, then flew by helicopter to May's country retreat, Chequers, for his meeting with the prime minister, followed by another flight to Windsor Palace for tea with Queen Elizabeth II.

He then headed for Scotland, where he was to spend the weekend at one of his private golf clubs.

Ahead of Trump's arrival, hundreds of people gathered in Scotland's largest city, Glasgow, to protest the U.S. president's U.K. visit. Among them was Emily Bryce, who proudly carried a homemade banner written in Gaelic, in recognition of Trump's Highland roots. "Donald Trump, son of the devil," it read. □

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## 132 die in Pakistan election violence ahead of Sharif return

By ZAHEER BABAR

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LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) —

The deadliest attacks in Pakistan's troubled election campaign killed at least 132 people, including a candidate, on Friday just before the arrest of disgraced former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif upon his return to the country.

In the southwestern province of Baluchistan, a suicide bomber killed 128 people, including a politician running for a provincial legislature. Four others died in a strike in Pakistan's northwest, spreading panic in the country.

The attacks came hours before Sharif returned from London along with his daughter Maryam to face a 10-year prison sentence on corruption charges, anti-corruption officials said. Maryam Sharif faces seven years in jail.

He was taken into custody to serve his sentence however he is expected to appeal and seek bail. It wasn't clear when his appeal would be filed but he has until Monday.

In the southern town of Mastung, candidate Siraj Raisani and 127 others died when a suicide bomber blew himself up amid scores of supporters who had gathered at a rally.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement carried on its Aamaq news agency.

The group gave no reason for the bombing that killed Raisani, who was running



People hold an injured supporter of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif after a clash with police in Lahore, Pakistan, Friday, July 13, 2018.

for the election on the Baluchistan Awami Party ticket. Raisani is the brother of the former Baluchistan chief minister, Aslam Raisani. Caretaker Home Minister Agha Umar Bungalzai told The Associated Press another 300 people were wounded in Friday's bombing. The U.S. State Department in a statement strongly condemned this week's attacks on political candidates and their supporters in Pakistan.

"These attacks are cowardly attempts to deprive the Pakistani people of their democratic rights," it said. "We will continue to stand with the people of Pakistan and the broader South Asia region in their fight against terrorism." Meanwhile,

Sharif arrived in the eastern city of Lahore from London where he was visiting his ailing wife when a Pakistani court convicted him and his daughter of corruption. Sharif's son-in-law is currently serving his one-year prison sentence on the same charge, which stems from the purchase of luxury apartments in Britain that the court said were bought with illegally acquired money. Ahead of his return, police swept through Lahore, arresting scores of Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League party workers to prevent them from greeting him at the airport.

Barbed wire was strung across some roads leading to the Lahore airport on Friday and barricades were

positioned at the roadside ready to close off main boulevards should crowds start to gather.

In a video message Friday reportedly from aboard his aircraft en route to Pakistan, Sharif said he was returning knowing he would be taken directly to prison. Sharif has been banned from participating in politics, and his brother Shahbaz Sharif now heads his Pakistan Muslim League and is campaigning for re-election on July 25.

In a televised appeal to supporters from London earlier this week, Sharif said he was not afraid of prison and asked people to vote for his party. He also used the opportunity to again criticize Pakistan's powerful

military, which has ruled the country directly or indirectly for most of its 71-year history, saying Pakistan now has a "state above the state." During his term in office, Sharif criticized the military's involvement in civilian affairs and its efforts in fighting extremists.

Pakistani and international rights groups have accused the military of seeking to maintain its influence in Pakistani politics by keeping Sharif out of power. The military denied the accusations saying their assistance in carrying out the elections was requested by Pakistan's Election Commission. The army will deploy 350,000 security personnel to polling stations throughout the country on election day. Underscoring the security threat, were Friday's bombings the first of which killed four people in the northwest near the election rally of a senior politician from an Islamist party.

The explosion targeted candidate Akram Khan Durrani, who escaped un-hurt, and wounded 20 people, said local police chief Rashid Khan.

Durrani is running in the July 25 vote against popular former lawmaker Imran Khan. He is a candidate of Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal, an election alliance of radical religious groups.

The attacks came days after a suicide bomber dispatched by the Pakistani Taliban killed secular politician Haroon Ahmed Bilour and 20 others at his rally in the northwestern city of Peshawar. □

# Cash vans targeted in brazen heists in South Africa



In this photo taken Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, a forensics team searches for clues at the scene of a cash in transit heist near the OR Tambo Airport in Johannesburg.

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JOHANNESBURG (AP) —

Criminal syndicates in South Africa have increased attacks on security vans transporting large amounts of cash, brazenly opening fire and blowing up vehicles in chaotic scenes that send civilians rushing for cover. Some bystanders manage to film the urban, often daylight attacks and post the footage on social media, magnifying concerns in a country that struggles with a high rate of violent crime.

Authorities are boosting intelligence work and other efforts to tackle the heavily armed gangs, whose members appear to have specific roles: shooter, lookout, driver.

"It's almost like everyone's got a skill of his own," said Yusuf Abramjee, a South

African anti-crime activist. "These people strike with military precision."

They might be getting help from rogue police officers, and local media have reported the possible use of stolen military weapons in some heists. There have been 75 attacks on vehicles carrying cash this year, compared to 31 in the same period in 2017, said Kalyani Pillay, CEO of the South African Banking Risk Information Centre, or SABRIC. Just under 40 percent of the attacks were thwarted. Two civilians, one police officer, five guards and nine suspects were killed in this year's robberies and another 93 people were injured, Pillay said.

Thieves carrying out such heists have stolen 63 percent more money this year than in the same period in 2017, according to Pillay.

She declined to say how much, though the amount is estimated to be at least several million dollars.

Unions representing workers involved in the transport of cash held protests in major cities in June for more protection on the job. "Stop bombing our cash vans," read a sign at a march in Cape Town.

A parliamentary committee held a hearing on the attacks.

Meanwhile, the rate of attacks on security guards transporting cash on foot between, for example, a business and a vehicle has dropped.

That suggests criminal syndicates are going after more vehicles on the road because they are likely to yield more loot — and that the thieves think they can get away with it, partly due to heavy firepower.

Security experts say police, whose response was sometimes lackluster in the past, are more pro-active.

Heist methods have varied over the years. In 1997, thieves in Bronkhorstspruit dragged a spike chain across a highway to block a security van and killed two guards. The hit was reminiscent of a scene in the 1995 movie "Heat" in which a gang uses a spike strip to thwart police pursuit after robbing an armored car.

Today, heist teams in South Africa can consist of 10 to 15 people who blow open armor-plated security vehicles with commercial explosives possibly siphoned off from the mining industry. The teams seem comfortable making their move in crowded areas.

Video of an attack on security vans in May in Boksburg, near Johannesburg, shows a man with a long rifle, apparently a lookout, kneeling at an intersection. An explosion is heard and gunfire crackles. A couple of motorists do hurried U-turns to escape the scene. Separate video of the

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same attack, filmed from what appears to be a car showroom at the same intersection, shows smoke rising after an explosion. Three blasts are heard.

"Oh my God! Look how many of them are coming out," a woman says as suspects emerge from a car. A third video of the aftermath shows a badly damaged security van and banknotes strewn over the road.

In raids last week, police arrested a female police officer who allegedly stored weapons used in the Boksburg heist, as well as her 32-year-old boyfriend. Nearly two dozen people were arrested in the sweep. Gangs involved in such heists include some people from neighboring countries including Botswana, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. Police Minister Bheki Cele has said more must be done to stop related "feeder crimes" including carjacking, illegal gun sales and police corruption. Cash heists were down sharply in June compared to May in a sign of improved policing, he said.

Security companies, meanwhile, can do more with technology including dye that stains money if there is a robbery or a foam that automatically covers cash in a vehicle's vault and makes it impossible to remove, said Abramjee, the anti-crime activist.

About 200 people are believed to be "spearheading" the attacks in South Africa, one security company said in response to questions from The Associated Press. There have been 27 attacks on Fidelity Security Group vans this year and just under half were "successfully defended," it said. Four employees were killed and 55 were injured.

The company said it has spent millions of dollars to upgrade vehicles, increase training and take other measures against the threat. "Unfortunately, as we introduce more measures on land and in the air, the modus operandi of criminals also evolves," Fidelity said. □

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## Nobel widow's release is short-lived human rights triumph

By YANAN WANG

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**BEIJING (AP)** — The release of the Chinese Nobel Peace laureate Liu Xiaobo's widow from eight years of house arrest this week brought some comfort to China's activists. But the rare triumph for human rights in China was short-lived: Her brother was forced to stay behind, ensuring Liu Xia stayed silent on the one-year anniversary of her husband's death Friday.

Memorials are planned in Hong Kong and Berlin, where Liu Xia landed this week after years of international calls to free her from the isolation China imposed to quell any encouragement Liu Xiaobo's Nobel might have had on human rights activists.

But the poet and artist Liu Xia herself will be noticeably absent.

Tienchi Martin-Liao, a Chinese-born writer based in Germany and friend of the couple, said Liu cannot meet with the public or speak to the media for "reasons that have nothing to do with her health."

"She wants to join, but she cannot," Martin-Liao said Friday by phone.

Rights groups have said Liu will feel pressured to remain silent as long as her brother Liu Hui remains in China. Liu Xia was never charged with a crime and is seen worldwide as a tragic victim of her love for an enemy of the Chinese state.

Liu Xiaobo was serving an 11-year sentence for "in-



In this July 12, 2018 photo, Liu Xia, the widow of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Liu Xiaobo, stands in a residence in Berlin, Germany.

citing subversion of state power" when he died of liver cancer last summer. He helped write Charter 08, a manifesto calling for political and economic liberalization.

In 2010, while Liu was in prison, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. China was outraged and denounced the Nobel committee as celebrating a criminal.

Liu Xia was put under house arrest, with guards at her apartment building keeping away visitors, soon after she returned from telling him in prison that he had been given the honor.

The isolation drove her into depression. Martin-Liao said Liu Xia's psychologi-

cal condition has greatly improved since she arrived in Berlin, but they are awaiting medical consultations before changing drugs given to her by Chinese state security agents during her house arrest.

Despite the constraints on the widow and concerns about her health, Martin-Liao struck an optimistic note.

"But on the whole, she's in really good spirits," Martin-Liao said. "You've seen the pictures: She is like a small bird that has flown out."

Back in mainland China, the authorities have gone to great lengths to prevent attempts to pay tribute to Liu Xiaobo.

Because Liu's ashes were

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buried in the ocean in proceedings that were closely controlled by the authorities, supporters have tried to hold memorials by various seashores. Some among them have been detained or arrested.

On Friday, police escorted Beijing activist Hu Jia to the northern city of Chongli, which doesn't have a coastline, to prevent him from marking the anniversary.

Hu, speaking by phone from his enforced trip, said he remembered Liu Xiaobo for being courageous in his convictions and having humanitarian spirit.

"He was called a traitor, an enemy of the nation," Hu said. "But in fact, he did

everything out of love and humanity — he was truly human."

Government critics reflecting on the anniversary said Liu Xia's release did little to change the reality that the harshest crackdown on civil liberties in decades was continuing unabated.

On Wednesday, a veteran pro-democracy campaigner was sentenced to 13 years in prison for "subversion" — a similar charge to Liu Xiaobo's.

"They say that China has entered a new era, and indeed that is the case," said Bao Tong, a former high-ranking Communist Party official and friend of the couple.

"So long as you are living as a Chinese citizen, you are in a constant state of defending your rights, because your rights are in a constant state of being infringed upon."

The administration of President Xi Jinping, the most powerful Chinese leader since Mao Zedong, has led a widespread crackdown on civil society, targeting human rights lawyers and other independent groups considered a threat to the ruling party.

Bao was hopeful that history would ultimately side with Liu.

"History is not going to say that China had a criminal named Liu Xiaobo," Bao said. "Rather, it will say that China had many people who longed for a democratic, constitutional government, but they were thrown into jail by those in power at the time." □

# Kids fleeing Venezuela left hungry, sick and even abandoned

By CHRISTINE ARMARIO

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CUCUTA, Colombia (AP)

— On a recent humid evening in the Colombian border city of Cucuta, a Venezuelan woman wrapped her newborn daughter in a pale yellow blanket and left her with a note alongside a car parked near a stadium hosting a high school field day.

"I don't have the means to take care of her," she wrote on graph paper with a pink border of hearts, paw prints and flowers. "She is four days old and her name is Angela."

About an hour later, another woman, her son and a teenage friend emerged from the stadium and heard the baby crying. They traced the faint wail to the car, just as the driver was starting the engine, coming dangerously close to striking the child.

"Stop!" they cried out.

The woman picked the girl up from the ground, later telling police she could see ants climbing on the newborn's body. Officers arrived within minutes and took the child to a nearby hospital. Doctors found the child's umbilical cord had been well cut and clamped, indicating she had been born in a hospital.

But aside from the note, which said the mother was Venezuelan, there was nothing to identify the girl, who begins life in the midst of an exodus from Venezuela in which children are increasingly becoming the victims of abuse, malnutrition and even abandonment.

"It's sad the mother took this decision," said Maj. Amaury Aguilera, the officer overseeing the investigation. "To just simply, so coldly, abandon her."

As Venezuelans flee their country's collapsing economy and an autocratic government in rising numbers, a grim toll is becoming evident among the youngest arrivals in Colombia: Children are sleeping on the streets, suffering from hunger and untreated infections, and sometimes being lured into sex work.



This July 4, 2018 photo shows children walking in a chain line after a bathroom break at the child development center Social Foundation Grow in Bogota, Colombia.

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More than 500 Venezuelan children have been taken into custody in Colombia, according to government documents. Police in Cucuta regularly turn at least one or two children a day over to the nation's child welfare agency, where many are then placed in foster homes. At the city's biggest soup kitchen, some parents have even tried to give their children away. Rosalba Navarro, a sister with Cucuta's Roman Catholic archdiocese, says mothers on several occasions have begged her: "Please take them. I don't have anywhere to keep them."

Over 1 million Venezuelans have fled across the porous border into Colombia in less than two years, many of them young children. A recent census found that of the estimated 442,500 Venezuelan migrants living in Colombia illegally, about a quarter are minors — 10 percent are 5 years old or younger.

"It's the young who are coming to the country," said Belen Villamizar, a lawyer working in Cucuta with Colombia's child welfare agency. "They are the ones more likely to take the risk. And they come with children."

The escalating influx is putting strain on an already stretched child welfare system in Colombia, where decades of war, poverty

and social strife have rendered countless children the victims of abandonment, sex abuse and recruitment by illegal armed groups.

Many Venezuelans have made long journeys by foot and bus when they reach Cucuta, a mountainous city where their homeland can easily be seen from its hilltops. They often have little more than a dollar in their pockets, if that, and several mouths to feed. The result, police and welfare advocates say, has been a surge in the number of distressed parents lugging children along Cucuta's smoggy, congested streets as they try to sell root beer or candy to pay for a roof over their heads.

On a recent evening, Cucuta police found 17-year-old Eliusmar Guerrero selling lollipops with her 18-month-old daughter. Guerrero said she and her husband had been unable to pay for their room in an apartment for the last three days. With no relatives in Colombia to help her care for the child, she said she was left with no choice but to go out in the streets hoping to sell a few candies with her baby in tow.

"We are going hungry here," she said, balancing her smiling, seemingly oblivious daughter on one hip before the glare of a flashing police light.

As officers transported

Guerrero and her daughter to Cucuta's child welfare offices, she embraced her daughter and began to weep.

"I'm afraid they'll take her from me," she said. In contrast to the United States, where more than 2,000 children were separated from their parents at the border with Mexico under the Trump administration's zero-tolerance policy, Colombian officials say they are trying to keep newly arrived migrant families together while boosting the number of foster families available to step in at a moment's notice when needed.

Authorities decided to place Guerrero and her baby together in a foster home.

"The nuclear family cannot be separated," said Ingrid Velez, a social worker with the Colombian Institute for Child Welfare. "Emotional bonds would be broken."

Figures provided by the government show 502 Venezuelan children have been taken into custody since the start of 2017. Ninety-nine of them were determined to be the victims of negligence, while 80 had suffered sexual abuse. Dozens of others were determined to be homeless, physically abused or in a state of malnutrition by the time they reached child welfare officials.

Still, for every child Colom-

bian authorities take in, many more are out of view living in equally or more precarious conditions. Police in Cucuta said they had found only one instance of a minor involved in sex work, but in just one visit to a park known as a hub for prostitution, The Associated Press spoke with three Venezuelan girls who described starting to work as prostitutes there at ages 15 and 16.

"I stood at that pole and began to work," one girl, now 18, said, pointing to a street lamp along the edge of the small, concrete city park.

Speaking on condition of anonymity in fear of retribution, the teen said she started sex work two years ago after migrating to Colombia and being unable to earn any money. She described the work as "revolting" and said she manages to mask her pain by taking "cripy," a modified form of marijuana that contains higher levels of THC.

"Can't you see it in my eyes?" she asked, her dark brown eyes fixed in a numb haze.

Cucuta is a city with one of Colombia's highest unemployment rates in a region that is a hotbed for drug-related violence, and Venezuelan families that get stuck here often live 10 to a room in tenements with no beds that rent for \$17 a week.

A block from the church soup kitchen, 5-year-old Daniel Villegas shares a room with several extended relatives, his parents, and three siblings, including one with microcephaly. His father smuggles Venezuelan-made root beer across the border and sells crates for a little over a dollar each, giving the family barely enough money for food.

Daniel, a thin, soft-spoken boy who wants to be a fisherman when he grows up, sleeps on a dirty mattress with two other boys. He said he dreams of the soup kitchen, where he gets to eat meat, a delicacy he went without for months in Venezuela. □

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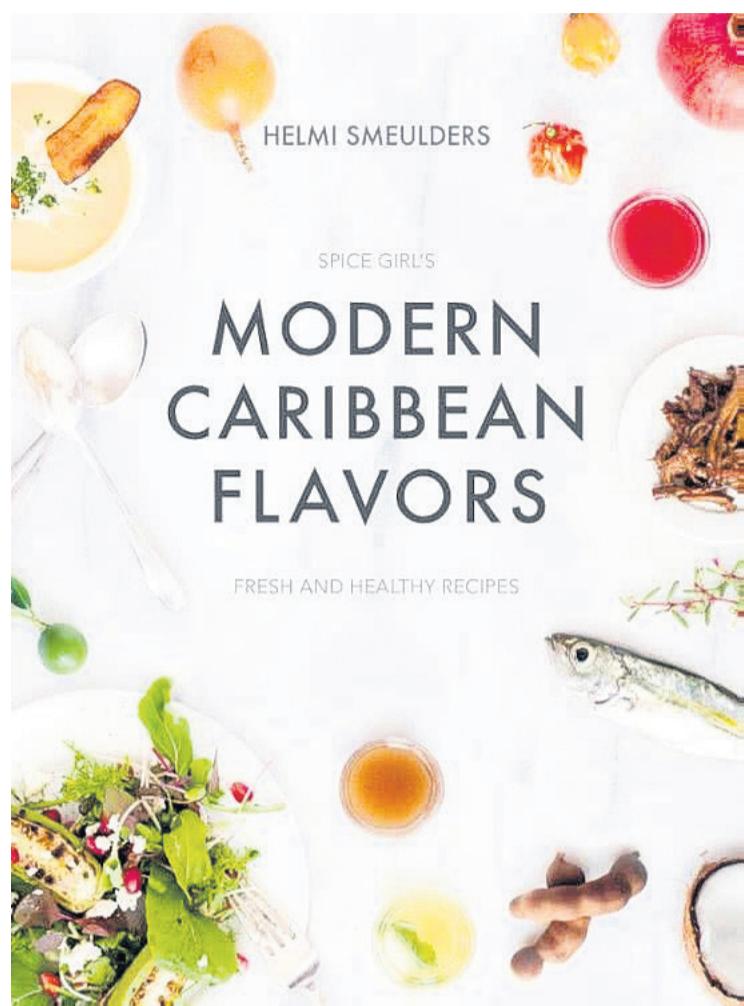
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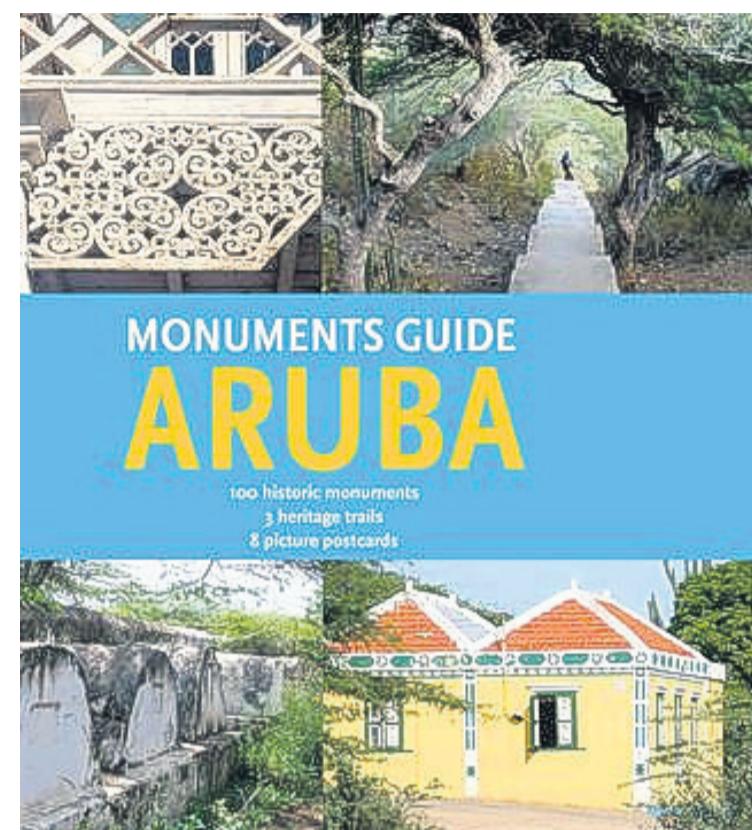
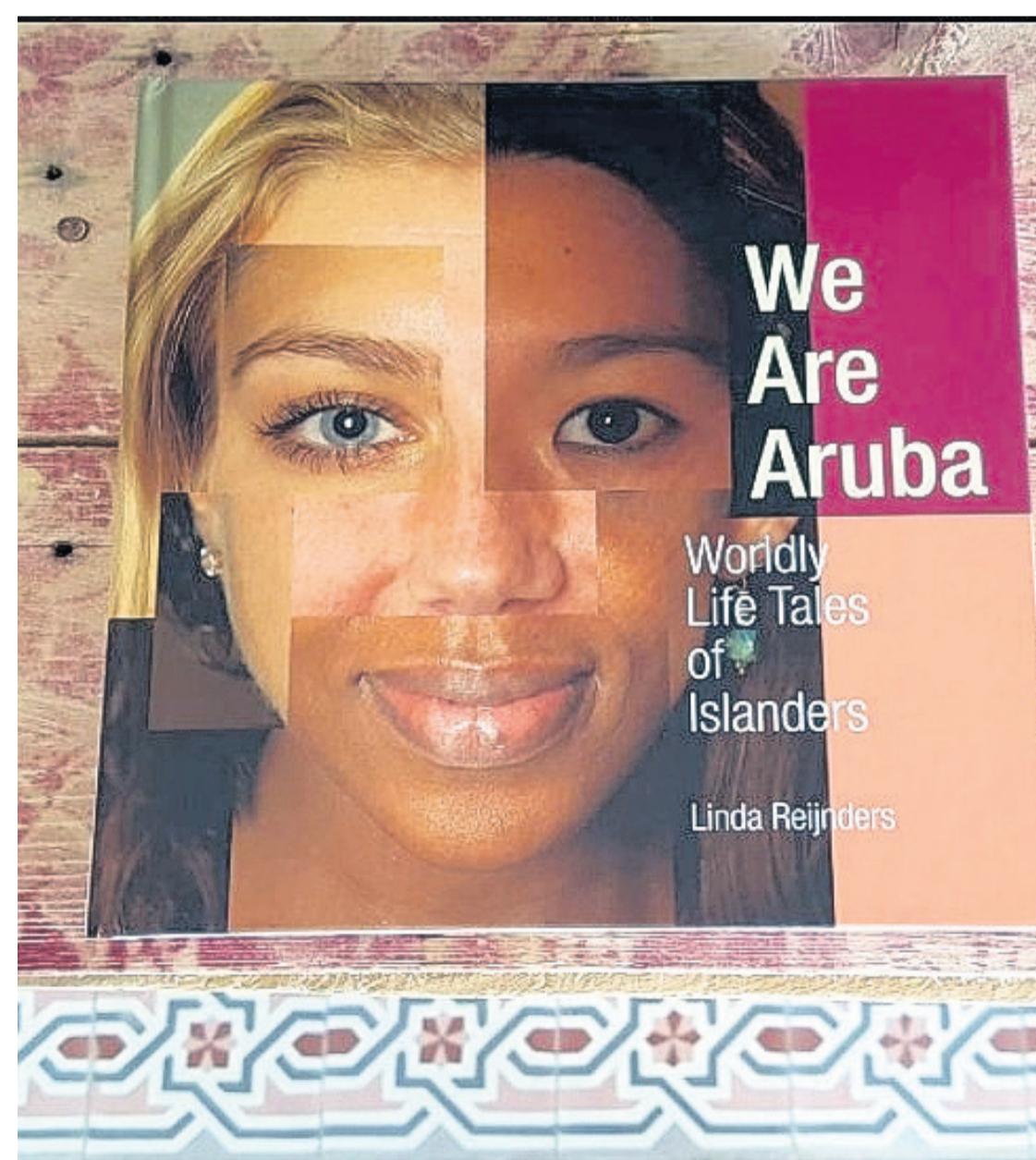
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## Thais Franken graduates as Bachelor of Arts Organization, Governance and Management



ORANJESTAD — Last Friday in a classroom at the University of Aruba, Thais Franken defended her thesis successfully in front of the graduation commission which consisted of Dr. Luc Alofs, Drs. Yolanda Richardson and Zulema Dabian-Erasmus, MA. The defense of her thesis took place in front of a mixed audience, family members, friends and classmates.

Thais did her internship at the Department of Economy, Commerce and Industry (DEZHI). There her passion for culture and her interest for the topic "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs) in the area of culture and creativity, which could be a possible new economic pillar for Aruba, grew more and more.

Before this Thais did a educational exchange in Bel-

gium and did a "summer course" at the Haagse Highschool. As a student Thais was the assistant of Dr. Luc Alofs in the project Travelling Cultural Heritage, which project finances the Scientific Investigation Institute in Holland (NWO).

Regarding her thesis, Thais studied national documents of economic management, UNESCO documents and documents investigating how countries with a small economy (SIDS) can attend with "Sustainable Development".

Thais also did a inventory of the amount of creative and cultural resources of Aruba. Thais interviewed 16 representatives in the field of creativity and culture and did a SWOT and TOWS analysis. The analysis gave 28 strategies which could facilitate a development of a new niche in Aruba in the field of creativity and culture, the so called "Culture and Creative Industries (CCI).

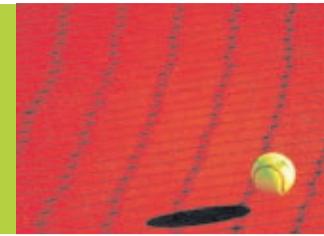
Thais is now going to do her Masters at the University of Maastricht. The Univer-

sity of Aruba, particularly the "Organization, Governance and Management" department congratulates Thais with her achievement and wishes her all the best in Maastricht. For more info on what The University of Aruba has to offer please visit their website of Facebook. [http://www.ua.aw/OGM\\_](http://www.ua.aw/OGM_)

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## SPORTS



## Judge: No class-action status for ex-NHLer concussion case

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The federal judge overseeing the NHL concussion case has denied class-action status for the former players suing the league over head injuries.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson issued her 46-page order on Friday, the first significant victory for the league in a landmark lawsuit that was filed almost five years ago.

Nelson wrote that "widespread differences" in state laws about medical monitoring, which the retired players are seeking, would "present significant case management difficulties."

The judge declined to certify either of the proposed classes by the ex-players. They sought to create one group of all living former NHL players and one group of all retired players diagnosed with a neurological disease, disorder or condition.

Had they succeeded, more than 5,000 former players would have been allowed to join the case.

More than 100 former players have added their names to the case. The retirees have accused the NHL of failing to better prevent head trauma or warn players of such risks while promoting violent play that led to their injuries.

An attorney for the players, Charles Zimmerman, said Friday the judge's ruling was procedural, and that the hundreds of players are prepared to try their cases individually. Zimmerman said it was too soon to know if there would be an appeal. □

# MR. ANDERSON



## ***Kevin Anderson beats John Isner 26-24 in 5th set to reach Wimbledon final***

South Africa's Kevin Anderson celebrates breaking serve during his men's singles semifinals match against John Isner of the United States, at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London, Friday July 13, 2018.

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## 10 months after baby, Serena in Wimbledon final vs. Kerber

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

**LONDON (AP)** — Serena Williams has been saying it over and over and over: Wimbledon is only her fourth tournament since returning to the tour after having a baby.

"Every time I go out there, I want to, I guess, take a giant step forward," she said. "Keep taking giant steps, but keep improving."

Williams played a total of seven matches in 2018 before arriving at the All England Club, and she'll be playing her seventh match in the last two weeks when she meets 11th-seeded Angelique Kerber of Germany in the Wimbledon final on Saturday.

Certainly didn't take long for the 36-year-old American to get her game in gear and close in on what would be an eighth Wimbledon title, one short of Martina Navratilova's record, and 24th Grand Slam trophy in all, equaling Margaret Court's all-time mark. It was only 10 1/2 months ago that Williams had far more serious concerns.

After giving birth to her daughter, Olympia, on Sept. 1, Williams dealt with health complications that included blood clots and led to what she said were multiple operations.



**Serena Williams of the United States celebrates defeating Germany's Julia Gorges in their women's singles semifinals match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London, Thursday July 12, 2018.**

Associated Press

"Almost didn't make it, to be honest," Williams said shortly after completing her 6-2, 6-4 semifinal victory over 13th-seeded Julia Gorges on Thursday. She's been wearing compression leggings during her matches as a precaution and says she remains nervous.

"I mean, even this week, I had a pain in my leg, and I went to the worst-case scenario: 'Oh, my God, I have a (pulmonary embolism) in my leg,'" Williams said. "I didn't know I would have such, kind of, traumatic thoughts. Especially now that I have a daughter, I want to be around as long

as I can to support her. It's interesting how that mental recovery is actually taking much longer than I ever expected."

The tennis? That's come quite naturally, not surprisingly.

She was off the tour for more than a year after her Australian Open title in January 2017 — won while she was pregnant, she later revealed. Williams first came back by playing doubles with her older sister, Venus, for the U.S. Fed Cup team in February.

Then came her singles return, at Indiana Wells in March, when she won her first two matches before losing to her sibling.

Next was a first-round loss at Miami.

"I honestly felt I would have done better in some of the earlier tournaments. That was the hardest part — accepting that I didn't," Williams said. "I know that sounds weird, but I worked out a lot and I worked hard."

Following another two months away from competition, she entered the French Open in late May, and won three matches before pulling out before the fourth round because of an injured pectoral muscle.

Williams rested some after

that, not practicing serving at all for a couple of weeks, and was able to ease into things once Wimbledon began because of a draw that allowed her to avoid playing any seeded opponents — or anyone ranked inside the top 50, for that matter — until Goerges, who was making her Grand Slam semifinal debut.

Now will come the sternest on-court test Williams has faced: Kerber, a former No. 1 and two-time major champion with a lefty stroke and never-give-up-on-a-ball defense.

Williams is 23-6 in Grand Slam finals, and Kerber is responsible for handing her one of those rare defeats, at the 2016 Australian Open. Kerber also won that year's U.S. Open, replacing Williams atop the WTA rankings right afterward. That was also the year that Kerber reached the Wimbledon final, losing to Williams in straight sets.

They've played each other a total of eight times in the past, and Williams leads 6-2.

After winning her semifinal against Jelena Ostapenko 6-3, 6-3, Kerber was asked what she sees across the net when she goes up against Williams.

"I see a champion," Kerber said, "that's for sure." □

## Marc-Andre Fleury inks 3-year extension with Knights

By W.G. RAMIREZ

Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — The Vegas Golden Knights have agreed to terms with three-time Stanley Cup champion goalie Marc-Andre Fleury on a three-year contract extension worth an average of \$7 million a year.

Fleury had one year remaining on his contract. The extension announced Friday would keep him with Vegas through the 2021-22 season, creating the possibility that the 33-year-old Fleury could end his career with the Golden Knights.

Fleury helped the Golden Knights to the Pacific Divi-

sion title and an appearance in the 2018 Stanley Cup Final in their inaugural season.

The Golden Knights selected Fleury in the 2017 expansion draft from the Penguins. He won 29 games last season, including the 400th victory of his career. He registered the best statistical regular season of his career with a goals-against average of 2.24 and a save percentage of .927. He has 404 career wins in 737 games between Pittsburgh (691 games) and Vegas (46) and ranks 11th in victories in NHL history.

He appeared in all 20

games for the Golden Knights in the playoffs, where Vegas' storybook season ended with a loss to the Washington Capitals in the Stanley Cup Final.

"It was a good season, I think the numbers are something, but they don't always show the game and stuff, but I think my teammates are a big part of it," Fleury said one day after the Golden Knights' season ended. "They were a big help to me all this season. I don't know, it's weird. A year ago, I was told I was getting too old to play, I still had a lot of fun. Vegas has given me this opportunity



**In this May 20, 2018, file photo, Vegas Golden Knights goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury (29) deflects the puck wide of the net during the first period of an NHL game against the Winnipeg Jets, during the Western Conference Finals in Winnipeg, Manitoba.**

Associated Press

to do a lot, I wouldn't want to go anywhere else, and hopefully I can finish my career here." □

# Anderson tops Isner 26-24 at Wimbledon; other SF suspended

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Tennis Writer

**LONDON (AP)**—To say that Kevin Anderson won this interminable Wimbledon semifinal, and that John Isner lost it, didn't really seem fair. To Anderson, anyway. They had played on and on, through 6 1/2 hours of ho-hum hold after ho-hum hold, during the second-longest match in the history of a tournament that began in 1877, all the way until the never-ending serving marathon did, finally, end at 26-24 in the fifth set Friday, with Anderson claiming the most important of the 569 points — the last.

So when Anderson left Centre Court, well aware that his 7-6 (6), 6-7 (5), 6-7 (9), 6-4, 26-24 victory earned him the chance to win his first Grand Slam title at age 32, the South African said: "At the end, you feel like this is a draw between the two of us."

He continued: "John's such a great guy, and I really feel for him, because if I'd been on the opposite side, I don't know how you can take that, playing for so long and coming up short." Only one match at Wimbledon ever lasted longer: Isner's 2010 first-round victory over Nicolas Mahut, the longest match in tennis history. It went more than 11 hours over three days and finished 70-68 in the fifth on Court 18, which now bears a plaque commemorating it. Friday's contest lasted so long, the day's second semifinal didn't finish.

Novak Djokovic was leading Rafael Nadal 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (9) in a compelling showdown filled with entertaining points that was suspended as soon as the third set concluded at just past 11 p.m., the curfew at the All England Club. Some people in the stands booed the decision to halt the match after a fantastic tiebreaker in which Nadal wasted three set points at 6-5, 7-6 and 8-7. Djokovic cashed in on his second when Nadal's backhand found the net after an 18-stroke exchange.

Because Nadal and Djokovic didn't begin playing until after 8 p.m., the retractable roof above the main stadium was shut between the matches and the arena's artificial lights were turned on. Now they'll come back Saturday to figure out who will face Anderson in the final, resuming at 1 p.m. local time, under the roof.

The women's final between Serena Williams and Angelique Kerber will then follow. That creates an unusual situation: Instead of a standard 2 p.m. start, Williams and Kerber won't know exactly when their match will begin.

Anderson will certainly appreciate the chance to put his feet up ahead of Sunday's final, while Nadal and Djokovic — who have a combined 29 Grand Slam titles between them, five at Wimbledon — push each other some more.

Anderson's fifth set alone lasted nearly 3 hours as his semifinal became a test of endurance more than skill.

"He stayed the course incredibly well," said the No. 9 seed Isner, a 33-year-old American playing in his first major semifinal. "Just disappointed to lose. I was pretty close to making a Grand Slam final and it didn't happen." Anderson finally earned the must-have, go-ahead service break with the help of a point in which the right-hander tumbled to his backside, scrambled back to his feet and hit a shot lefty.

"That definitely brings a smile to my face," said Anderson, the runner-up to Nadal at last year's U.S. Open. "At that stage, you're just trying to fight in every single moment, and I was like, 'Just get up!'"

The No. 8 seed Anderson eliminated eight-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer in a 13-11 fifth set in the quarterfinals Wednesday. Between that and the energy-sapper against Isner, it's hard to imagine how Anderson will have much left for his second Slam final. Wimble-

don doesn't use tiebreakers in the fifth set for men, or third set for women, so there's nothing to prevent a match from continuing ad infinitum. Both Isner and Anderson said they'd like to see that change.

At one point in the fifth set, a spectator shouted, "Come on, guys! We want to see Rafa!"

The 6-foot-8 Anderson and 6-10 Isner go way back, to their college days, Isner at Georgia, Anderson at Illinois. In the pros, Isner had won eight of 11 previous matchups. But this one was as close as can be.

There wasn't a whole lot of intrigue, or momentum shifts. The serving, though, was something else. Isner pounded his at up to 142 mph; Anderson reached 136 mph. They combined for 102 aces: 53 by Isner, 49 by Anderson.

"The effort they both put in and the performance and the guts, the way they competed — a lot to be proud of," said Justin Gimelstob, one of Isner's coaches.

Both failed to seize early opportunities. Isner wasted a set point in the opener. Anderson served for the third at 5-3, got broken, and then had a pair of set points in that tiebreaker, double-faulting one away. By the latter stages, with break chances so rare, murmurs would spread through the Centre Court stands whenever a game's returner got to love-15 or love-30.

Could we be about to see the sixth and last break of a match that would end up with 90 holds?

Repeatedly, the answer was, of course, "No," even when Anderson held break points at 7-all, 10-all and 17-all. The 10-all game ended with Isner hitting a forehand passing winner on the run to hold, then letting his momentum carry him directly to his sideline chair, where he plopped himself down.

By the end, he was looking exhausted, leaning over to rest a hand on a knee between points. □



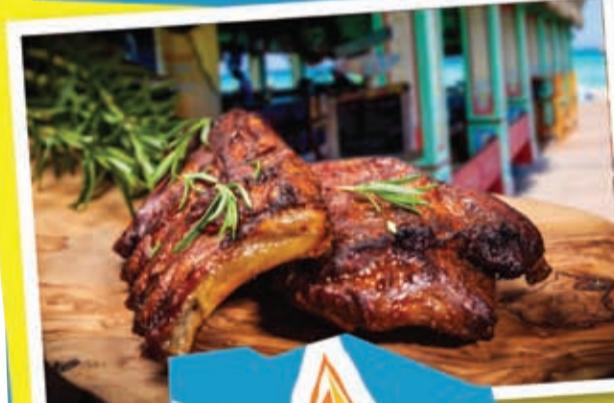
South Africa's Kevin Anderson, right, is congratulated by John Isner of the United States, right, after their men's singles semifinals match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London, Friday July 13, 2018.

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# Stripling, Dodgers beat Ross, Padres 3-2 to take 3 of 4

By The Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Andrew Toles broke a scoreless tie with an RBI single off Tyson Ross in the seventh inning to help All-Star Ross Stripling and Los Angeles take three of four from last-place San Diego.

Ross (5-8) took a one-hit shutout into the seventh before it fell apart. Chris Taylor doubled with one out and manager Andy Green came out to check on the big right-hander. Green let Ross stay in, but he allowed Toles' single on his 101st pitch and was pulled.

Craig Stammen loaded the bases before pinch-hitter Matt Kemp singled to bring in Toles. Joc Pederson followed with an RBI single. Stripling (8-2) held the Padres to six hits in six scoreless innings.

He was added to the NL All-Star roster Wednesday in place of St. Louis right-hander Miles Mikolas, who is scheduled to start Sunday.

All-Star closer Kenley Jansen pitched the ninth for his 26th save.

San Diego's Wil Myers hit a two-run double off Scott Alexander with two outs in the seventh.

**ROCKIES 5, DIAMOND-BACKS 1**

**DENVER (AP)** — Gerardo Parra and Raimel Tapia



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Ross Stripling watches a throw to a San Diego Padres batter during the first inning of a baseball game Thursday, July 12, 2018, in San Diego.

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had pinch-hit RBI singles in Colorado's three-run sixth inning. Trevor Story homered for the Rockies, and Kyle Freeland pitched six-hit ball into the sixth inning. Scott Oberg (3-0) got two outs for the win.

Colorado was coming off a 19-2 victory Wednesday night, but it trailed 1-0 before its rally in the sixth.

Arizona left-hander Robbie Ray (3-2) hit Carlos Gonzalez and walked Chris Iannetta with one out before he was replaced by Silvino Bracho, who was called up before the game. Parra then hit a tying single to right, and Tapia followed with another single off Andrew Chafin.

**NATIONALS 5, METS 4**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Max Scherzer made a final pitch to start the All-Star Game on his own mound, Anthony Rendon hit two homers and Bryce Harper also connected, leading Washington over New York. Scherzer (12-5) didn't dominate over his seven innings, but managed to tie Philadelphia's Aaron Nola

for the NL lead in wins. He struck out five, boosting his league-leading total to 182. Ryan Madson closed for his fourth save. Rendon hit a two-run homer off Steven Matz (4-7) in the first and added a solo drive in the third. His fourth career multihomer performance gave him six homers in 13 games. □

## AP Source: Dodgers' Chase Utley to retire at season's end

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Chase Utley's 16-year baseball career is nearing an end.

A person with knowledge of the situation said Friday the six-time All-Star will retire from the Los Angeles Dodgers at the end of this season. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because Utley's decision had not been formally announced.

Utley was to speak at a news conference later Friday at Dodger Stadium. The topic was not disclosed. The 2019 season would have been the final year of a \$2 million, two-year con-



Los Angeles Dodgers infielder Chase Utley pauses for a moment during a news conference held to announce his retirement at the end of the season, Friday, July 13, 2018, in Los Angeles.

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tract. The 39-year-old second baseman made his name with the Philadelphia Phil-

lies, earning five All-Star berths and winning four Silver Slugger awards. He helped the team to a

World Series title in 2008, combining with shortstop Jimmy Rollins as a standout double-play duo.

Utley has a .276 career average with 259 home runs. He is renowned for his base-stealing ability, with 153 steals in 175 attempts.

The Phillies traded Utley to the Dodgers in August 2015. That fall, Utley broke the leg of Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada with a hard slide into second base in Game 2 of the National League Division Series. Utley was suspended for Games 3 and 4 of the series.

Utley has provided a veteran's perspective and been influential in the clubhouse with the Dodgers' young

roster. But his role has been reduced from starter in 2016 to platoon player last year to part-time starter and pinch-hitter this season.

He has started 30 of 57 games so far, hitting .231 with 14 RBIs and one home run going into Friday night's game against the Angels.

Utley will surely be farewelled when the Dodgers visit the Phillies from July 23-25. His former teammates from the 2008 championship team, Shane Victorino and Jayson Werth, recently announced their retirements.

Born in nearby Pasadena, Utley played at Long Beach Poly High and UCLA. □

# Betts hits slam, Red Sox top Blue Jays 6-4 for 10th straight

By The Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)**—Mookie Betts fouled off seven pitches before hitting a grand slam that helped the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4 on Thursday night, extending their winning streak to 10 games.

Boston has the longest current winning streak in the big leagues and hasn't lost since getting routed 11-1 at Yankee Stadium on July 1. At 66-29, the Red Sox are 37 games over .500 for the first time since 1949.

David Price (10-6) struck out eight over 6 2/3 innings, and Craig Kimbrel earned his 29th save. All-Star lefty J.A. Happ (10-6) started strong for Toronto, striking out six and holding Boston to two hits before running into trouble and some misfortune in the fourth.

## ANGELS 11, MARINERS 2

**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)**—Albert Pujols hit two home runs to tie Ken Griffey Jr. for sixth place on the career list with 630, and Los Angeles romped over Seattle.

Tyler Skaggs pitched six strong innings in his return from the disabled list. Pujols hit a two-run shot in the first and a solo drive in the sixth. He also had three hits to

pass ex-Angel Rod Carew and move into a tie for 25th all-time with Rickey Henderson at 3,055.

It was the 50th multihomer game for Pujols, who went back-to-back with Justin Upton in the sixth.

David Fletcher also homered in the first off Mariners starter James Paxton, who left the game with lower back stiffness after Pujols connected for the first time. Paxton (8-4) threw just 17 pitches in his final start of the first half. Skaggs (7-5), who missed nine games with a hamstring strain, gave up one run and five hits with five strikeouts. The left-hander has allowed one earned run or less in six consecutive outings, the longest such streak from an Angels starter since George Brunet in 1968.

## YANKEES 7, INDIANS 4

**CLEVELAND (AP)**—Aaron Hicks drove home Didi Gregorius from first base with a one-out double in the eighth inning off Cleveland ace Corey Kluber, sending New York to a win over the Indians.

Hicks drove a 3-2 pitch from Kluber (12-5) to deep center field, and Gregorius scored easily when the ball



Boston Red Sox's Mookie Betts reacts in front of Toronto Blue Jays' Russell Martin, left, after hitting a grand slam during the fourth inning of a baseball game in Boston, Thursday, July 12, 2018.

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one-hopped the wall.

Brett Gardner homered twice and Gregorius also connected for the Yankees, playing at Progressive Field for the first time since last October, when they overcame a 2-0 deficit and won the AL Division Series. New York relievers Adam Warren, David Robertson (6-3), Dellin Betances and All-Star closer Aroldis Chapman combined for four hitless innings. Chapman got three outs for his 25th save — in his first appearance

since Saturday because of a sore left knee.

## TWINS 5, RAYS 1

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)**—Kyle Gibson struck out nine batters over eight easy innings for the Minnesota Twins, who handed Tampa Bay ace Blake Snell his shortest start of the season after a two-hour rain delay.

Eddie Rosario hit a two-run homer for the Twins. Gibson (4-6) gave up one run and five hits without a walk to earn consecutive wins for the first time this year. □

Fernando Rodney got two outs for his 21st save, preserving the seventh victory in eight games for the Twins. The Rays had their five-game winning streak stopped. Snell (12-5) was pulled after just three innings, throwing only 43 of his 75 pitches for strikes. The lefty took the second-lowest ERA in the American League into the game, with just two runs allowed over his last 28 2/3 innings while winning each of his last four turns. □

# Angels' Pujols has injection in knee, goes on DL

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—

Albert Pujols will spend the All-Star break on the disabled list with left knee inflammation, a move that lets the Los Angeles Angels rest their slugger without him missing too many games. Manager Mike Scioscia said Friday that Pujols had an injection in his knee. "He's been playing with it banged up for a while and he's looking very produc-

tive," Scioscia said. "This is trying to get him to a higher level and maybe make him more comfortable." Pujols tied Ken Griffey Jr. on the career home run list with his 630th blast on Thursday. Pujols is hitting .252 with 16 homers and 52 RBIs. The Angels and Dodgers meet in the Freeway Series this weekend before the break begins. With the series at Dodger Stadium, there is no designated hitter, and that combined with the break gives Pujols an extended rest. "It should be improved by the end of the DL time, so we expect him back after that," Scioscia said. □



Los Angeles Angels' Albert Pujols watches his two-run home run during the first inning against the Seattle Mariner during a baseball game Thursday, July 12, 2018, in Anaheim, Calif.

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## Kim takes 4-shot lead at weather-delayed John Deere Classic

**SILVIS, Illinois (AP)** — Michael Kim took a four-shot lead Friday at the John Deere Classic in the Quad Cities, which was suspended twice because of weather concerns.

Kim, who is winless in 84 career PGA Tour starts, was 16 under through 35 holes, with the second round to be completed Saturday morning.

Kim birdied eight of his first 14 holes without a bogey to race past first-round leader Steve Wheatcroft, who shot 68.

Wheatcroft was 12 under along with David Hearn (64) and Johnson Wagner (66).

Francesco Molinari was 11 under along with Matt Jones and Bronson Burgoon, who made two eagles on Friday and was 8 under for the round with three holes to play.

The 24-year-old Kim, a former standout at Cal, Kim, pushed his lead to three shots by hitting a wedge from 111 yards to within 5 feet for birdie on the par-4



**Michael Kim** watches a shot on the eighth hole during the first-round of the John Deere Classic golf tournament Thursday, July 12, 2018, in Silvis, Ill.

13th.

Kim, who had missed the cut in 14 of 22 starts this sea-

son, followed that up with a 13-footer for birdie on the par-4 14th.

**Associated Press**

Hearn has had an up-and-down year, missing eight cuts.

But his irons have been dialed in at TPC Deere Run. He birdied three of the four par-3s on Friday.

"I think I just have good feelings around this golf course. I've always enjoyed playing it. I am putting the ball in play off the tee, which isn't as hard here as some of the other golf courses we play."

But when I am doing that, I'm giving myself good chances for birdie," Hearn said. "The putter has been hot."

Wheatcroft, who led on Thursday after the best round of his career, made three bogeys on his back nine.

But he's still in position for his first top-10 finish of the season.

"Just need to tighten things up a little bit, and hopefully a good night of rest and get hydrated here and we'll come back out (Saturday)," Wheatcroft said.

Molinari got his first official

PGA Tour win two weeks ago at the Quicken Loans National outside Washington, and the Italian continued his strong play at TPC Deere Run with rounds of 6-under and 5-under.

Renowned for his ball-striking, Molinari hit 12 of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens in regulation both Thursday and Friday.

"I'm happy, yeah. The game is still there. I think I can hit my irons a little bit better, especially the wedges. (Thursday) and (Friday) have been OK, but not great, so there is room for improvement," Molinari said.

Local favorite Zach Johnson, who won at the Quad Cities in 2012 and has seven top-5 finishes at TPC Deere Run, shot a 70 to move to 3-under, just inside the projected cut line.

Friday's round was delayed by nearly an hour because of poor weather.

It was resumed and then called because of another batch of storms that descended on the area. □

## Henderson, Hedwall share lead at Marathon Classic

**SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP)** — Brooke Henderson has struggled in her past two appearances at the Marathon Classic.

The 20-year-old Canadian finds herself tied for the lead after two rounds of the tournament following a bogey-free 5-under par 66 on Friday to move into a tie with Caroline Hedwall. Both are at 9-under 133 through 36 holes.

"It's just fun to be in contention again and to see your name at the top of the leaderboard, it's exciting, and hopefully good things will happen," Henderson said. Henderson, who won earlier this season in Hawaii and has six career victories, missed the cut last year at Highland Meadows and finished tied for 38th in 2016. She shot a 3-under 31 on the front nine and then birdied the final two holes, both par 5s, to move into a tie with Hedwall.

"To finish birdie-birdie was



**Caroline Hedwall** gets ready before putting on the ninth green during the second round of the LPGA Marathon Classic golf tournament Friday, July 13, 2018, at Highland Meadows in Sylvania, Ohio.

really important, and it's fun to see your name at the top," Henderson said. "I'm

excited to be in the final group."

Hedwall, who played in the

since the 2015 Handa Australian Open that she has held the lead after 36 holes. "I've been in this situation, and I mean, it was a long time ago, though," said Hedwall, who shot a 4-under 67 on Friday.

"I'm just looking forward to the weekend. This is obviously what you practice and work hard for, to be in contention."

The 29-year-old Swede has matched a career high for the lowest 36-hole score of her career, which was in Australia.

Like Henderson, she also birdied the last two holes to move to the top of the leaderboard.

Thidapa Suwannapura was one shot back and defending champion I.K. Kim was three strokes behind.

Sei Young Kim, who shot an LPGA Tour-record 31-under to win last week's event in Wisconsin, was eight shots back after a 1-over 72 on Friday. □

# A 'transfer' stage: Time to relax on longest leg of Tour

By ANDREW DAMPF

AP Sports Writer

CHARTRES, France (AP) —

Peter Sagan thrust his arm and fist forward like Superman.

Chris Froome calmly dropped back to his team car to get his seat adjusted by a mechanic.

Other riders chatted as they admired the rolling countryside.

With nearly six hours in the saddle and hardly any action until the finale, there was plenty of time to relax and fool around during the longest stage of the Tour de France on Friday.

"Boring stage," said Sagan, the three-time reigning world champion. "You're happy it was a sunny day, no wind, without stress. But it was boring."

"I talked to everyone," Sagan said when asked how he passed the time after finishing third in the mass sprint which, with its uphill finish, suited him.

"I'm happy with that," he

said. "I had no legs to beat the first two guys."

Dutch rider Dylan Groenewegen won the stage ahead of Fernando Gaviria, who like Sagan has also won two stages in this year's Tour.

Four-time champion Froome and the other favorites finished safely in the main pack on Stage 7, which — unlike earlier sprinting legs — was without serious crashes.

Greg Van Avermaet held on to the yellow jersey he grabbed on Stage 3 and doubled his lead over Gaviria to six seconds by winning an intermediate bonus sprint.

Froome is 14th, 1:05 behind Van Avermaet.

Gaviria and Sagan were marking each other when Groenewegen surprised both and surged ahead on the final straight.

It was the second victory in the race for Groenewegen, who also won a sprint in last year's concluding stage

on the Champs-Elysees in Paris.

"The first days were not good enough, the legs were not good. Today the legs were good and everything was OK," said Groenewegen, who rides for Team Lotto NL-Jumbo. "With 200 meters (yards) to go I saw the gap and I was going to the finish line."

After crossing the line, Groenewegen placed his finger to his lips in a gesture of silence.

"People said I was not good enough after the first sprints but that's not true," he said.

The 231-kilometer (143.5-mile) trek from Fougeres, home to the best-preserved and largest medieval fortress in Europe, concluded in Chartres, site of a vast cathedral known for its stained-glass windows.

Days like these are referred to as "transfer" stages, for moving the Tour from one area to the next — from Brittany to north-central



Netherlands' Dylan Groenewegen celebrates as he crosses the finish line ahead of Colombia's Fernando Gaviria, left, to win the seventh stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 231 kilometers (143.5 miles) with start in Fougeres and finish in Chartres, France, Friday, July 13, 2018.

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biggest breakaway lead in this year's Tour — before being caught by the pack with 90 kilometers to go.

Laurent Pichon, another French rider with Fortuneo-Samsic, then also got away alone for a spell. But, in the end, it came down to a bunch sprint as expected. Stage 8 on Saturday covers a slightly more challenging terrain over 181 kilometers from Dreux to Amiens but again should set up well for sprinters.

The overall favorites should be tested again in Roubaix, before heading down to the Alps next week. □

## Nets clear point guard logjam, trade Jeremy Lin to Hawks

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeremy Lin's injury-plagued stint in Brooklyn is over.

The Nets have agreed to trade Lin to Atlanta, the Hawks announced Friday. The move helps clear up the Nets' logjam at point guard and sends Lin to another team that is also pretty crowded at the position. ESPN first reported the deal. The Hawks announced they also acquired a 2025 second-round pick and the right to swap second-round picks in 2023 with the Nets, who acquired the draft rights to shooting guard Isaia Cordinier and a protected 2020 second-round pick.

Cordinier was a second-round pick by Atlanta in 2016. The 21-year-old is currently playing in France.

Lin has a year and \$12.5 million left on the contract he signed two summers



In this Oct. 11, 2017, file photo, Brooklyn Nets guard Jeremy Lin (7) passes the ball as Philadelphia 76ers guards Ben Simmons, right, and JJ Redick (17) defend during the third quarter of a preseason NBA basketball game in Uniondale, N.Y.

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ago. He made it through just 37 games with the Nets and only one last season, as he ruptured the patella tendon in his right knee during a season-opening loss

at Indiana.

Spencer Dinwiddie stepped in while Lin was out and became one of the NBA's most improved players. Brooklyn also has

D'Angelo Russell, the No. 2 pick in the 2015 draft, at the point after acquiring him from the Lakers.

Now, Lin will have to find room in Atlanta, where

point guard Dennis Schroder was the Hawks' leading scorer last season. The Hawks then acquired the rights to high-scoring former Oklahoma star Trae Young in the draft.

The Hawks will be the seventh team for Lin, the undrafted former Harvard star who memorably broke out with the Knicks during his run of Linsanity in February 2012. The NBA's first American-born player of Chinese or Taiwanese descent has also played for Golden State, Houston, the Lakers and Charlotte. □



# How to pick a new password, now that Twitter wants one

By ANICK JESDANUN

AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Yet another service is asking you to change your password. Twitter said Thursday it discovered a bug that stored passwords in an internal log in plain text, without the usual encryption. Though Twitter says there's no indication that anyone has stolen or misused those passwords, the company is recommending a change as a precaution.

Here are some tips on coming up with a new password and safeguarding your account — even if your password is compromised.

#### COMPLEXITY COUNTS

Don't even think of using "password" as your password. Picking any common word as your password should be avoided because it's easily guessed using software that tries out every word in the dictionary. However, you can get a good password by combining two or more words, such as "rocketcalendar." Sprinkle in some numerals and punctuation marks, and make some of those letters in caps, and you've got a strong password. So "rock-



This April 26, 2017, file photo shows the Twitter icon on a mobile phone, in Philadelphia.

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etcalendar" becomes "rocket44!calendaR." (But don't use that one; the fact that it's in this article means hackers probably already have it in their databases.) Some services will even require your passwords to have certain characteristics. As you type a new password on Twitter, the service will tell you whether it's "Too Obvious" or "Weak." Go for "Very Strong."

**KEEP PASSWORDS FRESH** Each service should have its own password. If you use "rocket44!calendaR" on Twitter, don't use it on Facebook. Once hackers get your password on one service, they'll try it on other services, too. Outsmart them by using a fresh password each time. It can be as simple as adding the first three letters of the service's name, so Twitter gets "rocket44!calendaRtwi"

and Facebook gets "rocket44!calendaRfac." You can turn to a password-manager service to help you keep track of various passwords, though make sure the one you use hasn't had its own security problems. If you're storing passwords in a spreadsheet or other document on your computer, be sure to protect it with its own password (Microsoft Office lets you encrypt files). Avoid

naming the file "passwords." Call it "badmovies" or something innocuous.

#### RESET AND REFRESH

Some security experts recommend that you change your passwords frequently, though treat that advice with caution. When there's a breach, it doesn't matter whether that password is two weeks or two years old. And if you change passwords too often, you risk forgetting them and falling back on simpler, less-secure passwords.

#### A BETTER SAFEGUARD

You can ignore much of this advice if you just do one thing: Turn on two-factor authentication, which Twitter calls "login verification." You'll get a text with a code each time you try to log in from a new device or web browser. So even if hackers get your password, they can't do much unless they have your phone — or some other way to intercept the code. Of course, this makes it even more important to protect your phone with a passcode, so that no else can get these texts if your phone is lost or stolen. □

# Rights group questions DEA exploit of encrypted cellphones

By FRANK BAJAK

AP Cybersecurity Writer

In the first known case of its kind, U.S. drug agents supplied unwitting cocaine-trafficking suspects in California with smartphones they thought were encrypted but had been rigged to allow eavesdropping, Human Rights Watch reported Friday.

The advocacy group said it feared the technique could be abused to violate the privacy of non-criminals.

"I think there are real debates to be had as to whether that is lawful or should be lawful," said HRW researcher Sarah St. Vincent. "They could use this on peaceful protesters, (though) there's no evidence of that."

Human Rights Watch called

on the Drug Enforcement Administration to explain whether the technique — employed in a 2012 southern California case involving a Canadian operating out of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico — is still being employed and whether its use is widespread.

The Canadian, John Krokos, pleaded guilty in 2015 to related felony charges with Los Angeles-based associates. He was sentenced to 138 months in prison.

DEA spokesman Wade Sparks in Washington, D.C., said at least one defendant is still awaiting trial.

"We can't comment on the case or any of the techniques used until the case is fully adjudicated," Sparks said, adding that the DEA was not going to "give out investigative techniques

one way or the other, especially with ongoing cases awaiting adjudication."

Court papers indicate undercover federal agents first supplied Krokos' group with compromised BlackBerry cellphones in 2010. Encrypted emails and other communications that the defendants thought were private were instead intercepted by law officers because they had decryption keys.

"I believe that, since the (BlackBerrys) had encryption technology on them, Krokos felt relatively safe in communicating over the devices," a DEA agent who provided the phones to ring members said in an affidavit.

Available court documents suggest the DEA may not have obtained court orders

for the wiretapping until after the booby-trapped devices had been delivered in exchanges typically occurring in parking lots in southern California.

Sparks would not comment on the issue: "The courts will determine that. That's why the courts exist."

The DEA also prevented the defendants from buying non-compromised encrypted BlackBerry devices from other sellers, including by arranging for their interception in Mexico, court papers show.

Human Rights Watch said BlackBerry, the phone's maker and service provider, said it had no involvement in the DEA operation and no ability to decrypt the encrypted phones used because the keys are controlled by the customer.

The company did not respond Friday to an emailed request for comment or a phone message.

The FBI has recently renewed its push to persuade technology companies to give it a back door into encrypted devices for use in criminal investigations. Companies led by Apple have resisted the campaign, noting that such back doors can also be exploited by data thieves. □



# Federal Reserve projects further gradual hikes in key rate

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Federal Reserve said Friday it expects low unemployment and rising inflation will keep it on track to raise interest rates at a gradual pace over the next two years. By late 2019, the Fed says its key policy rate should be at a level that will be slightly restrictive for growth.

The Fed's projection on rate hikes came with release of the central bank's semi-annual monetary report to Congress. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell is scheduled to testify on the report for two days next week.

The Fed last month raised its policy rate for a second time this year and projected two more hikes in 2018.

The monetary report says the expectation is that further hikes will leave the rate slightly above its neutral level by late next year.

The Fed's current projection for the neutral rate — the point where monetary policy is not stimulating growth or restraining it — is 2.9 percent. With the June rate hike, the current range for the policy rate, known as the federal funds rate, is 1.75 percent to 2 percent. The policy report says that officials' median outlook for the future course of interest rates would put the policy rate "somewhat above" the neutral rate by the end of 2019 and through 2020.

The report noted that the



In this June 13, 2018, file photo, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell speaks to the media after the Federal Open Market Committee meeting in Washington.

Associated Press

median projection for the funds rate has it rising to 2.4 percent by the end of this year, which would indicate two more rate hikes are upcoming in 2018, and then climbing to 3.1 percent by the end of 2019 and 3.4 percent by the end of 2020. That forecast would mean that the Fed's interest rates would cross a major milestone next year toward a point where Fed interest rates are no longer being kept low to boost economic growth and will instead begin to slightly restrain growth in an effort to make sure that low unemployment does not cause the economy to overheat and trigger rising inflation.

The Fed's interest rate has not been restrictive for over a decade. In response to the 2008 financial crisis, the Fed cut its policy rate to a record low near zero in December 2008 and kept it there for seven years. It boosted rates by a modest quarter-point in both 2015 and 2016 and then raised rates by three times last year as the economic recovery finally began to gain momentum. Powell, who will testify next Tuesday before the Senate Banking Committee and on Wednesday to the House Financial Services Committee, said in an interview this week that he believed "the economy's in a really good

place" at the moment with unemployment at the lowest point in nearly two decades and inflation finally approaching the Fed's optimal goal of 2 percent annual increases.

In the monetary policy report, the Fed said that it expects "a gradual approach to increasing the target range for the federal funds rate will be consistent with a sustained expansion of economic activity, strong labor market conditions and inflation near the committee's symmetric 2 percent objective over the medium term."

The monetary report noted that worries about rising trade tensions had caused

a period of turbulence in financial markets earlier this year.

In his interview with the radio program "Marketplace" on Thursday, Powell said that Fed officials have been hearing a "rising level of concern" from business executives following the tough talk from the Trump administration, which has imposed penalty tariffs on a number of countries in an effort to open markets for U.S. goods.

The effort has provoked retaliation, and now the world's two biggest economies, the United States and China, are in a full-blown trade war.

In the interview, Powell said he was "very pleased with the results" of the Fed's gradual pace of rate hikes.

"We're returning rates to a more normal level," Powell said.

"If we leave rates too low for too long, then we can have too high inflation or we can have asset bubbles or housing bubbles. If we move too quickly, then we can unintentionally put the economy into a recession." Powell was tapped by President Donald Trump to succeed Janet Yellen in February as Fed chairman after Trump decided not to offer Yellen a second term. Trump during the campaign was highly critical of the Federal Reserve, accusing officials of keeping rates at ultra-low levels to favor Democrats. □

## Stock indexes move higher on Wall Street

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stocks are moving higher in mid-day trading on Wall Street, having shaken off an early wobble, as the market heads for a second straight week of healthy gains. Industrial and energy companies rose more than the rest of the market Friday. United Technologies rose 1.6 percent and EOG Resources rose 1.7 percent. Financial stocks were broadly lower after investors weren't impressed

with earnings reports from major banks. Wells Fargo, which has been plagued by investigations into fake accounts, lost 2.3 percent after reporting a drop in earnings. The S&P 500 index rose 3 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,801.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 74 points, or 0.3 percent, to 24,998. The Nasdaq composite added 11 points, or 0.2 percent, to 7,835. Stocks are opening slightly higher on Wall Street as the

market heads for a second straight week of healthy gains.

Industrial and energy companies rose more than the rest of the market Friday. Boeing climbed 1.1 percent and Devon Energy rose 1 percent.

It was the first big day of company earnings reports. Wells Fargo, which has been plagued by investigations into its business practices, lost 3 percent after reporting a drop in earnings.



This Oct. 25, 2016, file photo shows the New York Stock Exchange at sunset in lower Manhattan.

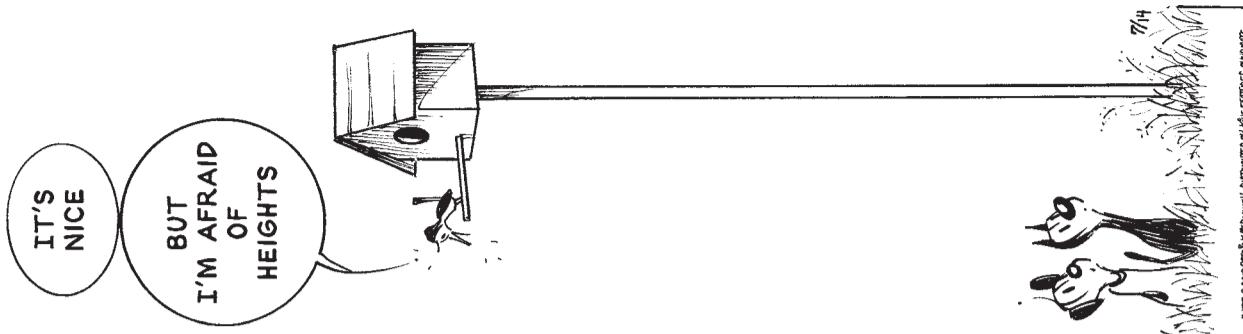
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The S&P 500 index rose half a point to 2,798.

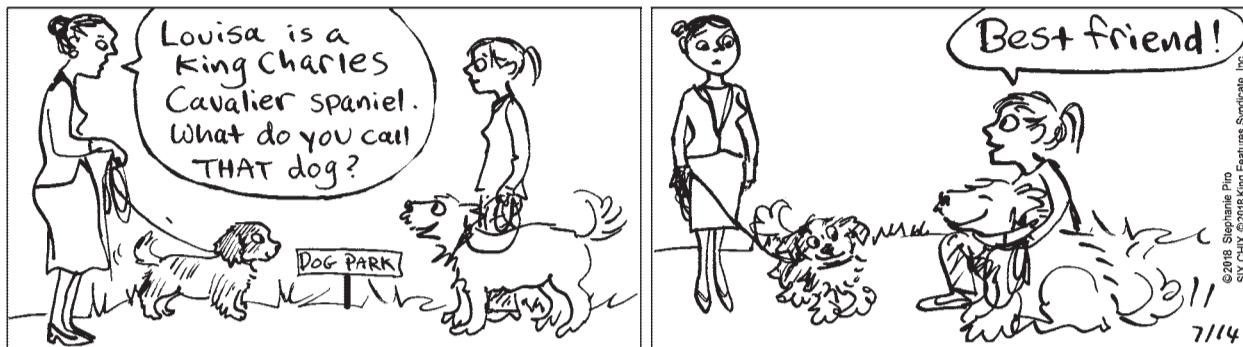
The Dow Jones Industrial Average edged up 30

points, or 0.1 percent, to 24,956. The Nasdaq composite added 8 points, or 0.1 percent, to 7,832. □

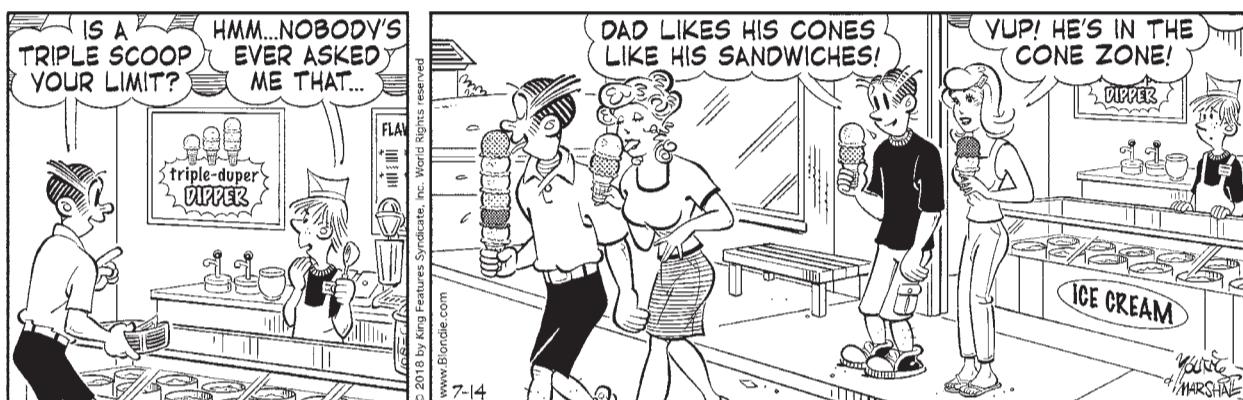
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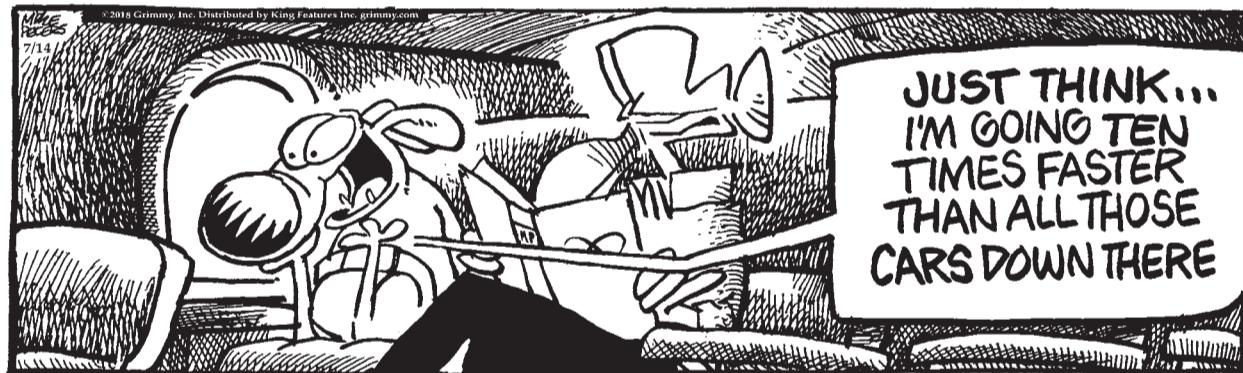
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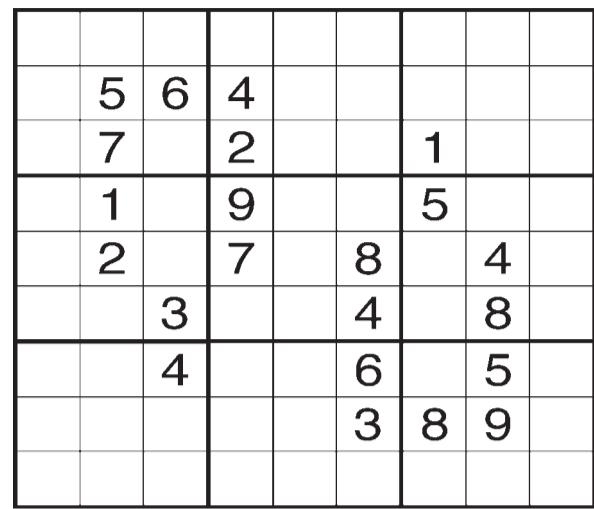
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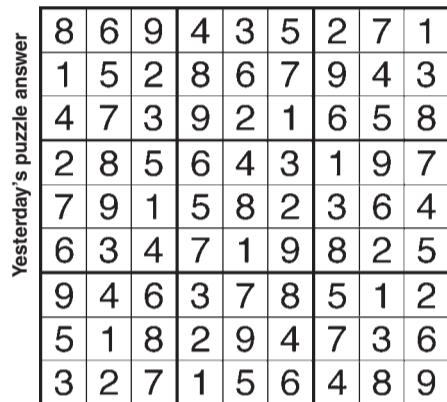
# Conceptis Sudoku



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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.



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A crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares and blacked-out areas. The grid is 13 columns wide and 13 rows high. Numbered squares include 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, and 63. The grid contains several blacked-out areas, likely representing words that have been solved or are part of a different puzzle type. The numbered squares are distributed across these blacked-out areas, indicating that some words are split into multiple segments.

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

### Friday's Puzzle Solved



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5 Epidemic	37 Dad's sister	47 Unexpected obstacle	56 Gen. Robert E. ___

# Iceberg 4 miles wide breaks off from Greenland glacier

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — An iceberg four miles (six kilometers) wide has broken off from a glacier in eastern Greenland and scientists have captured the dramatic event on video.

New York University professor David Holland, an expert in atmospheric and ocean science, told The Associated Press that "this is the largest event we've seen in over a decade in Greenland."

A June 22 video of the incident was taken by his wife, Denise Holland of NYU's Environmental Fluid Dynamics Laboratory. They had camped by the Helheim Glacier for weeks to collect data to better project sea level changes due to global warming.

Holland said Wednesday that the time-lapse video, which is speeded up 20 times, shows "3 percent of the annual ice loss of Greenland occur in 30 minutes." While the couple is studying Greenland, he said that "the real concern is in Antarctica, where everything is so big the stakes are much higher."

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In this Thursday, July 12, 2018 photo, a view of an iceberg, near the village Innarsuit, on the northwestern Greenlandic coast.

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In northwestern Greenland, another large iceberg was apparently grounded on the sea floor near the small village of Innarsuit, which has a population of 169. "Its residents were evacuated in the early hours of Friday in fears that a flood would hit the place as a result of the broken iceberg," Greenland police spokeswoman Lina Davidsen told Danish broadcaster TV2. "All the people in the danger area have been evacuated to a building that is further up in the village."

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## 8 endangered black rhinos die in Kenya after relocation

By KHALED KAZZIHA

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) —

Eight critically endangered black rhinos are dead in Kenya after wildlife workers moved them from the capital to a new national park, the government said Friday, calling the toll "unprecedented" in more than a decade of such transfers. Preliminary investigations point to salt poisoning as the rhinos tried to adapt to saltier water in their new home, the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife said in a statement, describing how the animals likely became dehydrated and drank more salty water in a fatal cycle.

The ministry suspended the ongoing move of rhinos and said the surviving ones in the new park were being closely monitored.

The loss is "a complete disaster," said prominent Kenyan conservationist Paula



In this file photo taken on Saturday Jan. 14, 2006, a 4-year old Female black Rhino, runs after it was darted at Nairobi National Park.

Kahumbu of WildlifeDirect. Conservationists in Africa have been working hard to protect the black rhino sub-species from poachers targeting them for their horns to supply an illegal Asian market.

In moving a group of 11 rhinos to the newly created Tsavo East National Park from Nairobi last month, the

Kenya Wildlife Service said it hoped to boost the population there. The government agency has not said how the rhinos died. Fourteen of the animals were to be moved in all. "Disciplinary action will definitely be taken" if an investigation into the deaths indicates negligence by agency staff, the wildlife

ministry said.

"Moving rhinos is complicated, akin to moving gold bullion, it requires extremely careful planning and security due to the value of these rare animals," Kahumbu said in a statement. "Rhino translocations also have major welfare considerations and I dread to think of the suffering that these poor animals endured before they died."

Transporting wildlife is a strategy used by conservationists to help build up, or even bring back, animal populations. In May, six black rhinos were moved from South Africa to Chad, restoring the species to the country in north-central Africa nearly half a century after it was wiped out there. Kenya transported 149 rhinos between 2005 and 2017 with eight deaths, the wildlife ministry said.

According to WWF, black rhino populations de-

clined dramatically in the 20th century, mostly at the hands of European hunters and settlers.

Between 1960 and 1995 numbers dropped by 98 percent, to fewer than 2,500.

Since then the species has rebounded, although it remains extremely threatened. In addition to poaching the animals also face habitat loss.

African Parks, a Johannesburg-based conservation group, said earlier this year that there are fewer than 25,000 rhinos in the African wild, of which about 20 percent are black rhinos and the rest white rhinos.

In another major setback for conservation, the last remaining male northern white rhino on the planet died in March in Kenya, leaving conservationists struggling to save that sub-species using in vitro fertilization. □

## Africa's iconic baobab trees dying off at alarming rate

By KEVIN SUTHERLAND

Associated Press

CROOKS CORNER, South Af-

rica (AP) — Africa's ancient baobab, with its distinctive swollen trunk and known as

the "tree of life," is under a new and mysterious threat, with some of the largest and oldest dying abruptly in recent years.

Nine of the 13 oldest baobabs, aged between 1,000 and 2,500 years, have died over the past dozen years, according to a study published in the scientific journal Nature Plants.

The sudden collapse is "an event of unprecedented magnitude," the study says. Climate change, with its rising temperatures and increasing drought conditions, is a suspected factor but no definite cause is known. The deaths occurred in the southern African countries of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

"The trees that are falling over are at the southern range of the distribution of baobabs," said Stephan Woodborne with South Africa's National Research Foundation, an author of the study. "What we believe is happening is that the climate envelope in which they exist is shifting, and so we are not talking about the wholesale extinction of baobabs."

Researchers are seeing very few juvenile trees in the affected region while the mature trees are dying off, "so what we are probably looking at here is a shift in their distribution in response to climate forcing," Woodborne said.

Baobabs stud southern Africa's hot, dry stretches of

savanna and are often in areas roamed by elephants, rhinos and other wildlife. Elephants help to propagate the trees when they eat baobab fruit, with seeds often sprouting in the nutritious elephant dung.

"Baobab trees are obviously iconic because of their size and their shape and they are very distinctive on the African landscape, and communities have been using them for various reasons through time," Woodborne said. "We find many archaeological sites underneath these trees, and when we have trees that are more than 1,000 years old we are talking about occupations that took place many hundreds of years ago."

Baobabs store large amounts of water in their trunk and branches, giving the trees their bulbous shape. Large trees can store as much as 140,000 liters (37,000 gallons) of water sucked up during rainy seasons. Thirsty elephants often strip a baobab of its bark and wood to get their moisture. □



In this photo taken Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017, a woman and child walks alongside a giant baobab tree in Chimanimani, Zimbabwe.

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## Nick Lowe rediscovers roots with Los Straitjackets

By DAVID BAUDER

Associated Press

**PAWLING, N.Y. (AP)** — Four men who wear Mexican wrestling masks onstage have reacquainted singer Nick Lowe with his rock 'n' roll roots.

The British composer of "Cruel to Be Kind" and "(What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love and Understanding" was deep into the country squire phase of his career a few years back, performing mostly acoustically. The death of drummer Bobby Irwin took an emotional toll on Lowe, leading to the dissolution of his band.

He's 69 years old now, the shock of hair completely white. He can still write meticulously-crafted pop songs and perform them with sweetness and subtlety. Yet as the years went by, it became easier to forget Lowe's nickname was once "the basher" for tear-down-the-house rock shows (some alcohol required) and a get-it-done-quickly recording style.

Enter Los Straitjackets. The Nashville-based quartet is a rarity, an instrumental rock band who recall the Ventures and Raybats, and perform onstage



This image released by Shorefire Media shows Nick Lowe with member of Los Straitjackets, Chris Sprague, Eddie Angel, Greg Townson and Pete Curry.

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in matching suits and unmatching masks. Your first instinct is to laugh, until the power and personality of

the music takes over. They also share Lowe's record company and manager, who suggested they

get together when the singer needed a band for a tour supporting a holiday album. A more enduring partnership was forged.

"Like everybody else, I couldn't believe it when they put on their masks and changed into suits," Lowe said. "But now I'm totally used to it. The way we play together now, it actually feels like I'm in the band."

With the Straitjackets' push, Lowe has pulled chestnuts like "So It Goes," "Heart of the City" and Rockpile's "When I Write the Book" from his catalog, reclaiming ownership of songs he'd largely left in the past.

Collaborating was an easy "yes" for the Straitjackets, who are longtime fans and recently released an album with instrumental versions of Lowe's songs.

"We had nothing to lose," said founding guitarist Eddie Angel. "He had his credibility on the line going onstage with four guys in wrestling masks. He really did take a chance on us. He wasn't sure how his fans would react." □

## Blessed be the fruit: 'Handmaid's Tale' reaps 20 Emmy nods

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If you haven't yet watched this week's roller-coaster finale of "The Handmaid's Tale" — no spoilers here — the show's creator has a suggestion.

"Get a couple bottles of Scotch first," quips executive producer and writer Bruce Miller.

Miller and his cast and crew were saying "Praise be" — figuratively, at least — on Thursday as the show reaped 20 Emmy nods, up seven from last year, when the show took the prize for best drama series. Not surprisingly, the show's star, last year's best actress Elisabeth Moss, was nominated again, as were seven other actors in supporting or guest roles.

One of them — Samira Wiley — learned of her Emmy nod onstage as she announced other nominees. Television Academy



This image released by Hulu shows Elisabeth Moss in a scene from "The Handmaid's Tale."

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chairman Hayma Washington came out to give her the news.

Wiley called the show's big haul "a real gradu-

ation" from the year before. And she had high praise for Moss. "Elisabeth makes everyone who she's in a scene with a better actor,"

she said. "And I can speak personally about that. I don't know how she does what she does."

Miller, nominated as a

writer as well as executive producer of the dystopian sci-fi drama, noted that while many viewers have drawn parallels with real-world current events, he tries to keep the focus on the show's main character, Moss' June, and her world in Gilead.

"You want to be in the world, so you know when you do a show and talk about people being separated from their children, what that's going to mean to people in the world," he said. "We're all news junkies, political junkies, but I think we really try to think about what happens to June and what happens in Gilead, and really make that work, and then you have the chance that people apply it to their life today."

The best guide, he said, has been the writing of Margaret Atwood — the Canadian author of the 1985 novel on which the series is based. □

# A flawed but earnest cartoonist biopic from Van Sant

By LINDSEY BAHR

Macabre is a word often associated with the late cartoonist John Callahan. He's the man who in his widely published cartoons, drawn in his signature squiggly style, poked fun at lesbians, Chinese people, the handicapped, women, Oprah, Alzheimer's patients, chiropractors and even sexual harassment in a cartoon that features a woman showing cleavage in a tight dress telling her similarly outfitted colleague "Remember...it's only sexual harassment if they're not dateable."

His website proudly featured all the "hate mail" sent to the newspapers that published his cartoons. It's extensive.

But John Callahan wasn't just a provocateur. He was also a quadriplegic alcoholic. In fact, the alcoholism came first, then the handicap, then the cartooning. Director Gus Van Sant has chosen this very interesting subject for his latest film, "Don't Worry, He Won't Get Far on Foot," with Joaquin Phoenix star-



This image released by Amazon Studios shows Jack Black, left, and Joaquin Phoenix in a scene from "Don't Worry, He Won't Get Far On Foot."

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ring as the artist. The title is taken from Callahan's 1990 autobiography, which itself was borrowed from one of his cartoons. That drawing showed a sheriff and his backup horseback in the desert commenting on an empty wheelchair that's been overturned.

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Grim, uncomfortably true and funny were Callahan's main operating modes. It was the only way he could make sense of the world and what happened to him, or so the film posits.

Van Sant seems to have tried to infuse this work with that same sort of spirit — irreverent, often unattractive, sometimes funny and sometimes offensive. Told in a jumbly, non-linear fashion, Van Sant jumps back and forth in time with disorienting casualness, shifting from a wheelchair bound Callahan as an obviously established and famous artist, back to the last day he walked, and then to the early days of his group therapy. It's difficult, at the beginning, to wrap your head around just what you're watching. □

## Author tackles sexual assault in "A Gathering of Secrets"

By OLIVE H. COGDILL

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"A Gathering of Secrets" (Minotaur), by Linda Castillo. Linda Castillo's exquisitely plotted novels delve deep into Amish life and culture using the prism of a police procedural. Without deriding or sentimentalizing the Amish, Castillo illustrates their culture while showing that Amish adherence to traditions and silence on sensitive situations can allow evil to seep in unexpectedly.

In her superb 10th novel, Castillo continues to show that Amish problems are universal, despite their insular ways. They aren't immune to the #MeToo movement as Castillo tackles sexual assault in "A Gathering of Secrets."

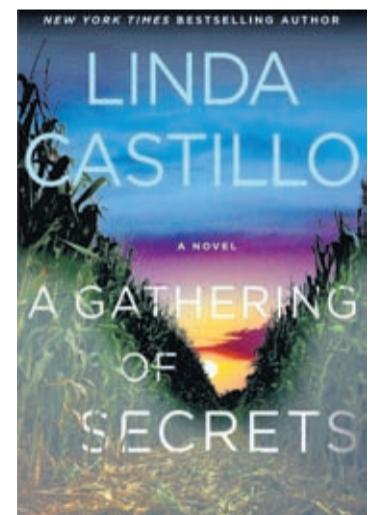
Kate Burkholder, the intelligent, insightful police chief of Painters Mill, Ohio, investigates the death of 18-year-old Daniel Gingerich, who died when the family barn was set on fire. Daniel was on Rumspringa, a time when a young person can experience the world

without the Amish rules, generally before joining the church. To his family, Daniel was a hard worker, "a good young man. ... Humble and kind and generous." But Kate soon discovers that Daniel was a sexual predator, preying on inexperienced young women who blamed themselves for his unwanted attention. At least one woman, overcome by guilt, committed suicide. Their parents, too, often blamed their daughters, preferring to keep the rapes secret.

Kate was raised Amish before leaving the church. She was sexually assaulted as a teen, and the case weighs heavily on her. She understands the killer's motives as she learns more about Daniel.

As in her other novels, Castillo delivers a complete look at the Amish community, showing the various sects, the rise of Amish businesses that cater to outsiders, whom they call "the English," and the emphasis on home and family.

Kate's complicated "love-



This cover image released by Minotaur shows "A Gathering of Secrets," a novel by Linda Castillo.

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hate relationship" with the community to which she was born enhances "A Gathering of Secrets." She has much respect for Amish ways yet abhors the attitudes that allow "a devil in disguise" such as Daniel to thrive. Her "simple happiness" in her relationship with John Tomasetti, an Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation agent, is well explored. "A Gathering of Secrets" is a standout in a stellar series. □

## Country singer Luke Combs' unassuming appeal makes him a hit

By KRISTIN M. HALL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

The first week of June was one of Luke Combs' biggest weeks in his still fledgling career. The 28-year-old taped an outdoor performance for the "CMT Crossroads" series with soul singer Leon Bridges, attended the CMT Awards, released a deluxe version of his debut album and sang in front of tens of thousands of fans at the CMA Fest.

And then immediately after the festival performance, he lost his voice. Put on vocal rest for 10 days, Combs had a No. 1 country album but couldn't perform.

"It stung a little bit," he admitted later after his voice recovered. "It made me, I guess, a bit more vulnerable than I would have liked."

Mostly he was upset about having to reschedule shows and disappointing fans. The Asheville, North Carolina-born singer built his success on his live shows when he was performing more than 200 dates a year in 2016 in college towns all around the Southeast and adding to his fan base one show at a time.

"Imagine you've been working out for a year straight, as hard as you can work out and the last set, the last thing you gotta do is that last week of CMA Fest," Combs said. "It's like the second you're done with it, you're just like laid out on the floor."

Combs has been working at a breakneck speed in the year since his debut album, "This One's for You,"



In this April 15, 2018 file photo, Luke Combs arrives at the 53rd annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas.

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was released last year. It spawned three No. 1 country radio singles in a row, the first time that's happened since Sam Hunt did it in 2014. The album's deluxe version, featuring five new songs, sold better in the first week than his original debut record, meaning he's earned himself a lot more fans in just a year. His gold-selling album is the most streamed country album of 2018 and it has spent five nonconsecutive weeks at No. 1 on Billboard's country albums chart. Instead of the traditional path to country stardom of writing songs for other people before launching his career as an artist, Combs released

his own music and promoted himself to his millennial peers online through the now-defunct social media platform Vine. "I think that was kind of always my goal: get people to come back and see a show twice and then see it a third time," Combs said. "And now I've got people who have been to 30, 40 shows." Combs even found his first manager on the road when Chris Kappy saw him perform his now multiplatinum single, "Hurricane," in a Georgia bar in 2015. Kappy, who had no previous management experience, immediately felt a kinship to Combs, as both are large men with

oversized personalities and scrappy attitudes.

"We're not the typical norm of what this industry is looking for," Kappy said.

Kappy's plan was to just let Combs be himself and let the natural talent win over fans. "I told Luke, 'I just want people to fall in love with you, buddy, and to do that we have to expose you. And that's being vulnerable, that's being humble, that's telling stories.'"

It helped that his first single, "Hurricane," was a great showcase of his deep booming voice with a big hooky chorus. Already signed to a new label called River House Artists, the song was gaining

ground on radio when he was added to the Columbia Nashville roster. Sony's promotional muscle behind the song was like adding gasoline to a fire, said Kappy.

His label listened to feedback from radio programmers to give him his second radio No. 1 with "When It Rains It Pours," a cheeky take on a breakup that turned into a lucky streak. But he went back to the well of the emotion-driven love songs with a slight R&B swagger on "One Number Away," his third hit single. All three of his songs have also reached the Top 40 on the pop charts.

Fans connect with Combs' unvarnished approachability and openness. The burly and bearded performer wears the same kind of shirt every time he hits the stage, a short-sleeved black sports shirt made to help fishermen deal with heat and sweat. He's a beer-swilling, tobacco-chewing everyman who is also self-assured enough to sing about the passion of heartbreak and love.

"There's an authenticity in just being who you are and not having an act about it or wear clothes you normally wouldn't wear," Combs said. "I'm just comfortable in my own skin."

Combs is currently opening for Jason Aldean on tour and he'll play shows in the United Kingdom and Europe this fall. But his next big play is the sophomore album, which he's already been writing and recording. □

## Oklahoma town doubles in population for Woody Guthrie fest

OKEMAH, Okla. (AP) — Woody Guthrie's Oklahoma hometown has doubled in population as thousands gather for a music festival in honor of the "This Land Is Your Land" singer.

The Journal Record reports that the town of Okemah jumps from about 3,000 to 6,000 people during the annual Woody Guthrie

Folk Festival. Performers this year include Grammy winner Jason Mraz, Oklahoma's Turnpike Troubadours, and Annie Guthrie, daughter of Arlo Guthrie and the granddaughter of Woody Guthrie.

Festival organizer Kay Thompson says it brings music fans from around the world to Okemah, about 70

miles (110 kilometers) east of Oklahoma City. Thompson says some come from as far away as Scotland and Australia.

Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen have cited Woody Guthrie as an influence.

This is the festival's 21st year. It continues through Sunday. □



In this July 18, 2014 file photo, Jason Mraz performs on NBC's "Today" show in New York.

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